Master of Midwifery (MMID) - MM This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who

are interested in this study area should contact us.						

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- (4) a signed Qld Health Student Orientation Checklist, Qld Health Placement Deed and a Qld Health Placement Privacy and Consent Deed
- (5) a signed USQ Student Clinical Placement Policy Declaration
- (6) a current Criminal History Police Check
- (7) a Blue Card from the Queensland Government Commission for Children and Young People and Young Guardian.

Application Procedures

There are 2 components to the application:

- (1) USQ Application process
- (2) Hospital Application process

1. USQ Application process

Applicants should apply to the University using the Direct Entry online application process. Each application will be assessed on an individual basis, according to the Entry Requirements. The following important information must be included; otherwise the application will be delayed:

- a certified copy of the applicant's Bachelor of Nursing degree or equivalent
- evidence of current registration as a nurse (AHPRA certificate)
- evidence of recent post registration nursing experience (at least one year) e.g. a letter of employment from the applicant's employer.

2. Hospital Application process

Applicants seeking admission to MMID at USQ are also required to apply for a 12-month clinical placement as a part-time, paid midwifery student at one of USQ's participating hospitals. Each applicant is required to put forward an expression of interest for employment as a midwifery student to their preferred USQ partner hospital, **concurrent** with application for enrolment in the Program at USQ. The applicant should also be aware that:

- **Application is competitive at the health services** as there are limited numbers of clinical placements at partner hospitals.
- Unpaid placement as a midwifery student may be negotiated. Please contact the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences for further information.
- Enrolment pattern alterations must be discussed with the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences should there be no available clinical placements for the intended clinical year.

Partner hospital representatives and USQ work closely to match enrolled MMID students to available quota of places at Partner hospitals. Please note, availability of **paid placement** is not guaranteed. The Faculty will liaise with applicants to confirm that their application allows them a place within the quota for their selected hospital. Currently placements are only available with the partner hospitals listed below:

Partner Hospitals			
Cairns Health Service	Midwifery Educator: +61 7 4226 6470		
Dalby Health Service	Midwifery Educator +61 7 4669 0555		
Innisfail Health Service	Nursing Practice Consultant/Educator: +61 7 4061 5414		
Toowoomba Hospital	Midwifery Educator: +61 7 4631 6225		
Roma Health Service	Director of Nursing Services: +61 7 4622 1433		
Warwick Health Service	Director of Nursing Services: +61 7 4661 6900		
St Vincent's Private Hospital (Toowoomba)	Midwifery Educator: +61 7 4690 4131		

Employment contracts with partner hospitals cannot be secured until students have successfully completed pre-requisite courses MID8070 and MID8001.

The hospital will advise the student directly of the result of their placement application once successful completion of prerequisite courses has been confirmed by USQ. Hospitals may ask the student to complete employment assessment criteria and attend a personal interview. In this case, students would be notified once references have been checked.

Employment is on the basis of a 12 month contract that is subject to performance assessment throughout the year. Students should familiarise themselves with the relevant Code of Conduct prior to commencing employment.

Students cannot progress in the program if they do not have a hospital placement. Where a paid placement is not available, unpaid supernumerary placement may be considered where placements can be identified and supported by the university. Students who have enrolled but have not secured a placement will be required to withdraw from enrolment in courses. Provided that they do so at any time up to and including the last day to drop courses without penalty, they may expect to receive a full refund of any tuition fees paid for courses in that semester.

Important Note: If for any reason the student decides to drop or defer their studies at any stage it is the responsibility of the student to contact the hospital in writing to resign the midwifery student position being held for them.

Acceptance of enrolment

Students will receive notification of enrolment offer by email from the USQ Recruitment and Admissions office. On receipt of acceptance of an offer of enrolment from the student by the University, study packages containing comprehensive study information, study materials and assignment details will be sent, at which time students should prepare to commence study on the first day of semester.

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy English language requirements.

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a student contribution amount, which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder. Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called HECS-HELP.

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called FEE-HELP provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for FEE-Help.

Program structure

This program consists of eight courses. Exemptions may be granted according to regulations in USQ Policy 3.5 Course Exemptions. Students will normally study two courses per semester for four semesters over two years. This program uses a two semester academic calendar. Students will commence their study in March (Semester 1) with a one week residential school. As a flexible learning program, students are required to

Recommended enrolment pattern (for completion in 24 months)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, distance education or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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