Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

UNDA Course Code 4114

International students who wish to apply for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery must be currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency as a Registered Nurse.

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate coursework offerings and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, the University offers a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. Notre Dame empowers students to build on their knowledge and experience, sharpen their skills and challenge them to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame’s academic staff are specialists in their field and provide students with best practice content and a practical approach to teaching and learning.

INTRODUCTION
This course is a pathway for initial registration as a midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. This unique course is closely aligned with international midwifery education standards. It is fully accredited and open for enrolments.

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery is an 18-month postgraduate course available to Registered Nurses who are currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. The educational model will expose students to many different professional practice sites in city and rural areas, large and smaller hospitals and community and women’s health settings. The course emphasises the close integration of evidence based theory, professional practice and research. Students will develop a high level of critical and reflective thinking skills, technical competence and interdisciplinary teamwork skills, necessary for professional practice of the Registered Midwife.

COURSE STRUCTURE
This unique program reflects the philosophy of ‘woman-centred’ midwifery practice which is fundamental to the provision of quality care by recognising the uniqueness of every woman and her family. The length of the course, the extensive professional practice component, and the high standard expected of students, will equip graduates to confidently embark on a career in midwifery in any context or setting.

Graduates will meet the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council National Competency Standards for the Midwife (2006).

There are twelve units of study:
- Midwifery Theory 1
- Midwifery Theory 2
- Midwifery Theory 3
- Contemporary Issues in Midwifery 1
- Contemporary Issues in Midwifery 2
- Contemporary Issues in Midwifery 3
- Qualitative Research Methods in Midwifery
- Quantitative Research Methods in Midwifery
- Midwifery in Practice 1
- Midwifery in Practice 2
- Midwifery in Practice 3
- Ethics for Professional Life (core unit)

Please note the course sequence and unit titles may be subject to change.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
This is a full-time program. The assessment of each unit is variable and may consist of exams, tutorial presentations, case studies, written assignments, projects and journals.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The course is available to students who are registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency as a Registered Nurse. However, students will not need to demonstrate that they have worked as a Registered Nurse for any particular length of time, prior to undertaking this course.

Applications should be received at least one month prior to commencement.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide.

For more information please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au, or the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Course Coordinator, School of Nursing & Midwifery on (08) 9433 0216.

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