Why Midwifery at UQ?

Midwifery is an exciting, challenging and rewarding career in which you can celebrate the very essence of human life. Midwives offer care to women during pregnancy, labour and birth, and after their baby is born. Study Midwifery at UQ and you will start your practical experience in the fifth week of your first semester, which means you will be more than ready to step into a midwifery career when you graduate. Our balance of clinical practice and academic theory means Midwifery at UQ is held in high regard professionally. We’ve developed the degree in consultation with the health and midwifery industry, so you will learn the most relevant, up-to-date theory and hands-on practical experience to help you be job-ready when you graduate. You can also gain a competitive edge by graduating six months early if you choose the accelerated 2.5 year option.

What you will study

Our innovative model of clinical practice means you will gain hands-on, real experience from the earliest stages of your degree. Start your clinical placement in your first semester of study, so you graduate highly skilled, confident and ready for a rewarding career as a midwife. The Bachelor of Midwifery can also be undertaken as a dual degree with a Bachelor of Nursing.
Location
The degree is delivered through small group teaching three days a week at clinical schools, with lectures one day a week at a UQ location which will include St Lucia and Woolloongabba. You will nominate your preference for a clinical school when you complete your QTAC application form:
• QTAC code (South East Qld Clinical Schools) 728102
• QTAC code (Mater Clinical School) 728402.
Clinical schools are subject to final approval. Every effort is made to place students in their preferred location which may include a travel radius of up to 90 minutes due to public transport connections. Costs associated with travel and possible loss of income over this period will not be reimbursed.

What you will learn at clinical school
During your degree, you will be given the opportunity to experience “follow throughs”. This means you will be involved in an ongoing relationship with expectant mothers, beginning with the initial contact in early pregnancy through to the time during and immediately after the birth in both community and hospital settings. This unique opportunity will allow you to experience continuity with individual women through pregnancy, labour, birth and the postnatal period.

Your future in Midwifery
A career in midwifery will allow you to work in a variety of maternity and neonatal settings including:
• public, private or community healthcare
• clinical practice in metropolitan, regional, rural or remote settings in both Australia and overseas
• academia/clinical teaching
• health research
• health service management
• aid organisations.

Who will recognise your qualifications?
• Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia registration as a midwife
• Australian College of Midwives.

Your postgraduate options
• Honours available as an additional year of study
• Postgraduate coursework study is available in Midwifery.
• Research degrees (MPhil and PhD) are also available in your area of interest.

International students
This degree requires a higher level of English language proficiency than the UQ minimum. The IELTS requirements are an overall score of at least 7.0 with a score of 7.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

Important information
Carriers of blood-borne transmissible viruses (e.g. Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV) are not eligible to study this degree. Students must also complete post-admission requirements prior to clinical placement, see www.health.uq.edu.au/admissionreqs for more information.