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# **PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF MIDWIFERY**  
GradDipMidw

**PROGRAM CODE: 4150**

THESE PROGRAM REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2018

## SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

1. These Program Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Fremantle Campus.
2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Program Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Senior Administration Officer, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Fremantle Campus.

## MODIFICATION HISTORY

1. These Program Regulations are effective from 1 January 2018

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Introduction

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

## 1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

## 1.3 Amendments made to Program Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

## 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

## 1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award is a Level 8 AQF qualification.

## 2 ENTRY CRITERIA

### 2.1 General Criteria

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Regulations.

### 2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites

The following entry requirements apply to this Award:

- A bachelor degree in nursing or equivalent and registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.
- Registered nurses who do not have a level 7 AQF qualification in nursing may be admitted with an alternative mode of entry assessment and recent clinical nursing experience.
- Students shall be required to provide relevant clearance documents as directed by the School of Nursing and Midwifery.
  - National Police Check
  - Working With Children Clearance (WA)
  - Government of Western Australia Department of Health criminal screening card
  - Basic Life Support (BLS) and Manual Handling (MH) as annual competencies
  - Proof of current immunisation status
  - A declaration from a healthcare provider of fitness to satisfy professional practice demands (if requested)
  - Additional state-based requirements may be needed as outlined in the Student Handbook

### 2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

This Award meets external accreditation requirements of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council and Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

## 3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Structure

For the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award Structure, refer to Appendix A.

#### 3.1.1 Compulsory Course

MIDW5000 Foundations of Midwifery  
MIDW5001 Woman-centred Care  
MIDW5002 The Professional Midwife  
MIDW5004 Midwifery in Complex Situations  
MIDW5005 Midwifery in Primary Health Care  
MIDW5006 Midwives as Professional Partners  
PHIL6020 Ethics for Professional life  
MIDW5007 Midwifery Emergencies  
MIDW5008 Legal and Professional Frameworks in Midwifery  
MIDW5009 Becoming a Midwife  
ARTS5010 Research Methods  
MIDW5003 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Health: Women and Babies

#### 3.1.2 Elective Courses

There are no Electives within this Award.

#### 3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors or Double Majors available in this Award.

#### 3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in this Award.

#### 3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

#### 3.1.6 Special Interest Courses

There are no Special interest courses in this Award.

### 3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award.

### 3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

Students are to complete practicum or internship requirements, which are incorporated in courses: MIDW5002 The Professional Midwife, MIDW5006 Midwives as Professional Partners and MIDW5009 Becoming a Midwife. Practicum component of the program will equal 50% of the program content. A minimum of 10 (ten) continuity of care experiences are required to be completed over the program.

In order to participate in professional practice placements, students will be required to satisfy fitness to practice following illness or injury as directed by the program coordinator. This may include medical or allied health certification.

### 3.4 Approved course substitutions

There are no approved course substitutions permitted in this Award.

### 3.5 Alternative Pathways

Alternative pathways are not applicable to this Award.

### **3.6 Volume of Learning**

#### **3.6.1 Standard Duration**

- (a) The standard duration for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award is 1.5 years of equivalent full-time study.
- (b) A student is able to enroll into this program on a part time basis.

#### **3.6.2 Accelerated Duration**

An accelerated mode is not available for the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award.

#### **3.6.3 Maximum Duration**

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award is 5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

### **3.7 Graduation**

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

### **3.8 Exit Awards**

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

### **3.9 Honours**

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery Award is not offered with Honours.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



**APPENDIX A:**

YEAR ONE			YEAR TWO		
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
MIDW5000	Foundations of Midwifery	25	MIDW5004	Midwifery in Complex Situations	25
MIDW5001	Woman-centred Care	25	MIDW5005	Midwifery in Primary Health Care	25
MIDW5002	The Professional Midwife	25	MIDW5006	Midwives as Professional Partners	25
MIDW5003	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Health: Women and Babies	25	PHIL6020	Ethics for Professional Life	25
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S2</b>		100
			<b>Total Units of Credit Year One</b>		
			200		
YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
MIDW5007	Midwifery Emergencies	25			
MIDW5008	Legal and Professional Frameworks in Midwifery	25			
ARTS5010	Research Methods	25			
MIDW5009	Becoming a Midwife	25			
<b>Units of Credit Total for Y2 S1</b>		100	<b>Units of Credit Total for Y2 S2</b>		
			<b>Total Units of Credit Year Two</b>		
			100		
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:</b>					<b>300</b>