

# NURS 4001 METHODS AND METHODOLOGIES IN MIDWIFERY RESEARCH

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 401439

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**Description** This subject will broaden and deepen students understanding of research methodologies and methods and develop research skills in order to apply these to a specific Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours) research project.

**School** Nursing & Midwifery

**Discipline** Midwifery

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 4 subject

**Restrictions** Students must be enrolled in Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours).

**Assumed Knowledge**

A basic knowledge of research methods at undergraduate level.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Critically evaluate midwifery research methodologies
2. Develop a coherent research proposal and plan
3. Evaluate specific data collection method(s) and analyses
4. Identify and devise strategies to ensure rigour/validity/reliability of a planned study
5. Identify potential ethical dilemmas and devise strategies to mitigate risk

## Subject Content

Midwifery Research methodologies and research design  
Data collection method(s) and analysis  
Planning to ensure Rigour/Validity and Reliability  
Use of ethical principles in the conduct of research

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Presentatio	10 minutes	20	N	Individual	Y
Proposal	2,500 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Wood, M. J., & Ross-Kerr, J. C. (2011). Basic steps in planning nursing research: From question to proposal (7th edn). Jones and Bartlett.

Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2025)

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## Spring (2025)

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