

NURS 3031 MIDWIFERY PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 6

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401224

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Description This subject provides the opportunity for students to consolidate their knowledge and skills in preparation for their role as a midwife. Students will be assessed across the seven standards of the Midwife standards for practice. Students will gain practical experience in designated clinical areas and will follow women through pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period in a continuity of care experience.

School Nursing & Midwifery

Discipline Midwifery

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) NURS 2039 and NURS 3005 and NURS 3006 and NURS 3030 for program 4684

Co-requisite(s) NURS 3025

Equivalent Subjects NURS 3029 Midwifery Practice Experience 5

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4684 Bachelor of Midwifery.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Provide safe, evidence-based maternity care by applying critical thinking and decision making skills while working in partnership with women
2. Implement collaborative, safe and effective care and referral for the woman and/or baby with complex and/or urgent needs
3. Apply sound written, spoken and technology enabled communication skills to maintain professional relationships and facilitate interprofessional collaborations
4. Plan, implement and evaluate strategies for providing culturally safe midwifery practice, with a particular focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their communities.
5. Promote midwifery and continuity of care as a primary health care strategy
6. Contextualise midwifery practice in accordance with legal and ethical requirements and professional standards, recognising the midwife scope of practice.

Subject Content

- Requirements for completion of Midwifery Practice Portfolio
- Working in multi-disciplinary teams
- Consolidate and review core practice skills
- Prioritising care
- Time management
- Clinical judgement
- Managing others/ leadership and delegation

- Accountability
- Principles of Work Health and Safety in practice
- Venepuncture
- Cannulation
- Episiotomy
- Assessment of birth trauma
- Perineal suturing

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites Pre-requisites

Student Compliance Information for all Health-Related Placements

Prior to enrolling in this subject, students must have submitted a Student Undertaking Form and undertake to apply for a National Police Check, which is required to be submitted before placement, and a Working with Children Check Student Declaration. Use the link to the Special Requirements webpage below for more information.

To be eligible to enrol in a unit and attend a health-related placement in your course, students must meet Western Sydney University course requirements AND Special Legislative Requirements to be assessed in their first year of study against the following

1. National Criminal History Check: Students must have a current (expiring 3 years from date of issue) check valid for their entire course. A valid National Criminal history check must be an Australia wide check, include the student's full name matching their Student ID card and date of birth and not have any offences listed. If a student has a criminal history identified on their check, they must provide a Clinical Placement Authority Card (CPAC) or conditional letter from the NSW HealthShare Employment Screening and Review Unit https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/student_clearance/Documents/appendix-10-student-application.pdf
2. A NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance letter issued under the category of volunteer valid for their entire course.
3. A current approved first aid certificate valid for their entire course, approved provider courses can be found at <http://training.gov.au> (<https://training.gov.au/>)
4. A completed vaccination/immunisation card with all serology results containing expiry dates and currency must be maintained by the student to ensure compliance for their entire course
5. NSW Undertaking/Declaration form
6. Completed any additional health forms required (such as NSW Health Code of Conduct, Health Student Undertaking/Declaration and Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool)
7. Relevant Local Health District specific documentation as requested. Contact your School for further details. Resources are also available on the Placement Hub website https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/)

Western Program Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your program.

Special Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/special_requirements/)

Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy

in the first year of your program, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet.

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet (https://issuu.com/uwspublications/docs/wsu_student_compliance_booklet_2020_v6/)

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements; the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

- If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements
- If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.
- NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire program.
- Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire program - approved program providers can be found at the Government Training website
- <http://training.gov.au> (<http://training.gov.au/>)
- Other non-health related requirements.

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW students only) https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/)

Essential equipment

Calculator, Western Sydney University Midwifery Uniform for Clinical Placement and final skill assessment, and a watch with a second hand. Access to an internet enabled device is essential in order to be able to: access course materials; to participate in discussion groups; and to access additional resources provided by the lecturer during the session. See http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/uwsonline_student_support (http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/uwsonline_student_support/) for further information

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
Practical	4 x 4 hours	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Reflection	1,500 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Professional Placement Performance All clinical placement weeks S/U Y Individual Y

Professional Placement Performance 208 hours S/U Y Individual Y

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=NURS3031_25-SPR_PS_1#subjects)