Bachelor of Midwifery (Domestic students)

**Program code**
1354

**Available at**
Gold Coast Campus, Logan Campus

**Duration**
3 years full-time
or 2 years part-time + 2 years full-time

**Credit points**
240

**Indicative fee**
$6,566.00* per year (more)
* 2019 indicative annual CSP fee
Calculated your fees

**Entry requirements**
7
Overall position (OP) 2019
86
Rank 2019
(Additional requirements)

**Prerequisites**
English (4SA)

**Assumed knowledge**
Nil

**Offered in**
Trimester 1

**Why choose this program?**

From 2019, all commencing students will be required to attend both Logan and Gold Coast campuses.

You will learn from expert midwives in this degree that blends online learning with two-week intensive blocks on campus each trimester. You will also take part in extensive clinical placements and weekly clinical tutorials with a clinical placement lecturer.

You will learn in midwifery laboratories that simulate the clinical environment and undertake midwifery clinical experience through professional practice placements in allocated health services involving morning, evening and night shifts.

You will follow 20 women throughout their pregnancy, birth and the period six weeks after birth, requiring you to be on-call to attend the labour and birth.

Honours is available through an additional year of study.

**My attendance during the program**

**Attendance information**

From 2019, all commencing students will be required to attend both Logan and Gold Coast campuses.

This program starts in late January/early February and requires attendance of up to 46 weeks per year. The study of clinical midwifery requires that students spend considerable time undertaking hands-on experience in on-campus clinical laboratories and within hospitals and other off-campus clinical settings. To ensure students are provided with the opportunity to gain sufficient clinical experience, all courses that include an off-campus clinical practicum will extend beyond the standard teaching trimester. This may include undertaking clinical placement during the mid-trimester and between-trimester vacation periods (i.e. the break during trimesters and between trimester 1 and trimester 2).

Students may undertake the Bachelor of Midwifery full-time over three years. Eligible students will also have the option to undertake the program over four years, with Year 1 of the program (the first 80 credit points) completed part-time over two years, and the rest of the program completed full-time over two years. As clinical placement is linked to many of the courses (Midwifery 1-6 identifies the clinical placement courses within the program structure), students can expect to undertake 2-3 days per week of clinical practice for each 10 credit point clinical course undertaken.

Although completion of the clinical practice requirements necessitates extended trimesters, the overall workload for this program is equivalent to a standard three-year Bachelor degree program. In total, students will have a minimum of six weeks student vacation over the calendar year.

Generally, courses will be offered off-campus with a two-week on-campus intensive component prior to the commencement of trimester. On-campus attendance at tutorials is required four times per trimester.
The locations and dates over which the courses will run will be published trimester-by-trimester and sent to students prior to each trimester. It is expected that if you enrol in these courses you will be available to attend.

Managing study interruptions

Leave of absence
Students will require approval from the Program Director, Bachelor of Midwifery or nominee to take a leave of absence. From 2013, students will be permitted to take leave of absence for a maximum period of two trimesters only.

Readmission
From 2013, a student who has discontinued enrolment in the Bachelor of Midwifery program and who is not on an approved leave of absence is required to seek approval for readmission to the program from the Program Director, Bachelor of Midwifery or nominee. Readmission to the Bachelor of Midwifery program is not guaranteed and subject to the availability of clinical placements.

Student Income Support
To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the Australian Government website for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith’s commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life.

My career opportunities

You will find opportunities as a midwife in public and private healthcare settings including midwifery private practice, maternity and neonatal care settings, academia, teaching, research, rural remote health, and international aid organisations.

Program accreditation

The Bachelor of Midwifery program is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

Professional recognition

Graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia via the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact AHPRA to confirm registration requirements.

Placement requirements

Before I enrol

- Criminal History Check
- First Aid and CPR Certificates
- Immunisation and Health Record
- Online Training:
  - Work Integrated Learning (WIL) and Safety Module Certificates
  - Australia's First People's Cultural Awareness for Health Certificate
- Working with Children Check (Blue Card)

Professional placements

- Griffith University Health and Safety Induction
- Griffith University Student Deed Poll
- New South Wales Health placement requirements (including mandatory training)
Queensland Health placement requirements

There are placements associated with this program. Students should refer to the checklist of pre-placement and placement requirements for their Health discipline on the Fit for Placement website for full details of the requirements regarding clinical placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

Note: In the event that there is a difference between the contents published on the Fit for Placement website and the program-specific information published on the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses websites, or where information published on the Fit for Placement website is not in accordance with University Policy, the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses website contents and University Policy shall override the information on the Fit for Placement website.

Location of professional placements

Students are required to indicate preferences for clinical placement location when they apply for entry to the program and final placements are arranged by the School of Nursing and Midwifery. While every effort is made to place students in proximity to their place of residence, this is not always possible.

On a case-by-case basis, some consideration may be given for students to undertake clinical placements in a location of the student’s choosing, for example, in their local region subject to the student negotiating their own clinical placement confirmed in writing by the provider to the Bachelor of Midwifery Clinical Placements Officer and as agreed by the Bachelor of Midwifery Program Director.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The fee is indicative of an annual full-time load (80 credit points) in a program categorized to one of the Australian Government’s three broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student’s actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
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Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
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