

# Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

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## **Graduate Diploma of Midwifery**

The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery combines theory and practice in a hands-on course aimed at allowing registered nurses to remain in their own community as they work towards becoming qualified midwives eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). Registered nurses are employed as midwifery students for the full duration of the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery while concurrently studying the theoretical component by distance education.

**The course includes the following awards:**

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery *GradDipMidwifery*

## **Course Study Modes and Locations**

**Graduate Diploma of Midwifery (4614MV)**

*Distance Education - Wagga Wagga*

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

## **Normal course duration**

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Full-time 1.0 years (2.0 sessions)

In exceptional circumstances a student may be employed in an accredited, partnering maternity unit 0.6FTE. This means their employment pattern is identical to 1FTE and 0.8 FTE students, except they require an extension to complete their Midwifery Practice subject.

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

## Admission criteria

[CSU Admission Policy](#)

Students entering this course will need to meet the following criteria:

1. Registered Nurses wishing to achieve registration as a midwife: AHPRA Registration as a NurseContract with an approved, participating hospital as a student midwife for the duration of the course.
2. Registered Midwives wishing to upgrade their midwifery qualification: AHPRA Registration as a midwife

## Credit

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

Registered midwives wishing to upgrade their qualifications are given 24 points credit. An additional 8 points credit is awarded to registered midwives who are the nominated midwifery facilitator in an accredited, partnering unit or who have additional qualifications or more than 5 years experience as a registered midwife.

Registered Nurses enrolling in the course receive no credit points on entry.

## Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 64 points.

## Course Structure

The majority of students are undertaking this course to enable them to be eligible to apply for registration as midwives. For these students the course consists of 64 points:

[MID441](#)Midwifery Studies 1  
[MID442](#)Midwifery Studies 2  
[MID452](#)Midwifery as Primary Health Care 1  
[MID524](#)Challenges in Midwifery Practice  
[MID525](#)Midwifery as Primary Health care 2  
and  
[MID443](#)OR [MID444](#)Midwifery Practice (24 points)

Registered Midwives may enrol in the course to upgrade their qualifications to a Graduate Diploma of Midwifery or Master of Midwifery. These students do not enrol in the Midwifery Practice subject (MID443/MID444).

Registered Midwives in current practice who are enrolled in specified post-registration

nursing degrees e.g. Master of Nursing may enrol in MID subjects as electives.

## **Enrolment Pattern**

### **Part-time**

#### **Session 30 intake**

##### **Session 1 ('30)**

[MID441](#)Midwifery Studies 1

[MID443](#)Midwifery Practice (commenced)

[MID452](#)Midwifery as Primary Health Care 1

##### **Session 2 ('60)**

[MID442](#)Midwifery Studies 2

[MID524](#)Challenges in Midwifery Practice

[MID443](#)Midwifery Practice (continues)

##### **Session 3 ('90)**

[MID525](#)Midwifery as Primary Health Care 2

[MID443](#)Midwifery Practice (completed)

#### **Session '60 intake**

##### **Session 1 ('60)**

[MID441](#)Midwifery Studies 1

[MID444](#)Midwifery Practice (commenced)

[MID452](#)Midwifery as Primary Health Care 1

##### **Session 2 ('90)**

[MID525](#)Midwifery as Primary Health Care 2

[MID444](#)Midwifery Practice (continues)

##### **Session 3 ('30)**

[MID442](#)Midwifery Studies 2

[MID524](#)Challenges in Midwifery Practice

[MID444](#)Midwifery Practice (completed)

## Workplace learning

Please note that the following subjects may contain a Workplace Learning component.

MID443 Midwifery Practice

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## Residential School

Please note that the following subjects may have a residential school component.

MID441 Midwifery Studies 1

MID442 Midwifery Studies 2

Enrolled students can find further information about CSU residential schools via the [About Residential School](#) page.

## Accreditation

This course is a nationally accredited course in tertiary education. The course is accredited by ANMAC and approved by the NMBA. Graduates of education programs accredited by ANMAC can register with AHPRA. The NMBA approved the current GDM course for a period five years without conditions, with the accreditation for this program expiring on 30 July 2018.

## Contact

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or email [inquiry@csu.edu.au](mailto:inquiry@csu.edu.au)

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