

Master of Midwifery

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The Master of Midwifery prepares graduates for leadership roles in their profession. The aim of the course is to enable Registered Midwives (RMs) to develop innovative midwifery models of care; equip RMs to work to their full scope of practice; develop a RM workforce which will prevent the closure of maternity units in rural areas and reopen many that have closed; offer RMs living in rural and remote areas the opportunity to study at Master level by distance education; enhance the profile of midwifery; and educationally prepare experienced RMs to be confident and competent in their teaching and mentorship of tertiary level preregistration midwives.

The course includes the following awards:

Master of Midwifery *MMidwifery*

Course Study Modes and Locations

Master of Midwifery (4702MW)

Distance Education - Wagga Wagga

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

Normal course duration

Master of Midwifery

Full-time 1.5 years (3.0 sessions)

Variations to course duration are only related to recognition of prior learning factors, previously described.

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](#)

All students must have an undergraduate degree, diploma or equivalent in midwifery.

Students must have or be eligible to receive Authorisation to Practice as a Registered Midwife in Australia.

Where a student has obtained their tertiary qualifications outside of Australia and is eligible to apply for registration as a midwife in Australia but English is not their first language, they will be required to meet the English Language Requirements of the Nurses and Midwives Board prior to enrolment. They must complete four International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic modules obtaining a minimum of 7, on each of the individual bands of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Credit

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

Students enrolling in the program with an undergraduate midwifery degree (or equivalent) and no other relevant qualifications complete 96 points. Students entering the course with an undergraduate midwifery degree (or equivalent) and an additional related qualification e.g. a Bachelor of Nursing receive 24 points credit. An additional, maximum 8 points credit is available for students enrolling with extra qualifications / experience e.g. Lactation Consultant Certification or experience as a midwifery facilitator for midwifery students. Students entering the course with a Postgraduate Diploma of Midwifery or Graduate Diploma of Midwifery receive 64 points credit.

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 96 points.

Course Structure

The course structure comprises 3 components:

- Core Midwifery subjects
- Core Research subjects
- Elective subjects

There are 5 core midwifery subjects (40 points), 2 core research subjects (16 points) and elective subjects (40 points).

Core Midwifery subjects can be studied in any order but must include:

[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 (only available in 90 sessions)

Core research subjects:

[HLT505](#)Research Methods in Health Science A

[HLT506](#)Health Masters Proposal

Students select 40 points from the following electives:

[HLT539](#)Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Clinical Education

[HLT540](#)Assessment in Clinical Education

[HLT541](#)Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting

[HLT542](#)Professional Practice in Clinical Education

[NRS535](#)Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health

[NRS544](#)Cultural Competence in Indigenous Health Care: Implications for Nursing Practice

[NRS537](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1 (16 points)

[NRS538](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 2 (16 points)

[HLT508](#)Health Master's Project (16 points)

[HSM401](#)Reflecting on Health Care Systems

[HSM402](#)Human Resources Management (Health Services)

[HSM408](#)Current Issues in Health Service Management

[HSM409](#)Evidence-based Health Care Delivery

[HSM512](#)Evaluating Health Service Performance

Enrolment Pattern

There are three typical student enrolment patterns:

- Students entering the MMid with a BMid and no other related undergraduate or postgraduate degree are required to study 96 points. These points consist of 5 core midwifery subjects (40 points), two core Masters subjects (16 points) and 40 points taken from elective subjects.
- Students who are RMs and have the equivalent to a second undergraduate degree e.g. BN, are required to study 72 points. These points consist of 5 core midwifery subjects (40 points), two core Masters subjects (16 points) and 16 points taken from elective subjects.
- Students who enrol in the MMid with a PGDM or GDM are required to study 32 points. These points consist of two core Masters subjects (16 points) and 16 points taken from elective subjects.

Students enrolling in the MMid with a BMid

Session 1: 30

[MID441](#)Midwifery Studies 1

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

Session 2: 60

[MID442](#)Midwifery Studies 2

[MID524](#)Challenges in Midwifery Practice

Session 3: 90

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

Students may elect to exit the course at this stage, once four of the above 5 subjects have been successfully completed, with a Postgraduate Diploma of Midwifery for students commencing 2010 – 2012 and with a Graduate Diploma of Midwifery for students commencing 2013 and beyond or continue in the Master of Midwifery.

Session 4: 30

[HLT505](#)Research Methods in Health Science A

Elective

Session 5: 60

[HLT506](#)Health Masters Proposal

Elective

Session 6: 30

Elective

Elective

Session 7: 60

Elective

Elective subjects to a total of 40 points are selected from the following:

[HLT539](#)Foundations of Teaching and Learning in Clinical Education[HLT540](#)Assessment in Clinical Education[HLT541](#)Teaching and Learning in the Clinical Setting[HLT542](#)Professional Practice in Clinical Education[NRS535](#)Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health[NRS544](#)Cultural Competence in Indigenous Health Care: Implications for Nursing Practice[NRS537](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 1 (16 points)[NRS538](#)Leadership and Management for the Nurse 2 (16 points)[HLT508](#)Health Masters Project (16 points)[HSM401](#)Reflecting on Health Care Systems[HSM402](#)Human Resources Management (Health Services)[HSM408](#)Current Issues in Health Service Management[HSM409](#)Evidence-based Health Care Delivery[HSM512](#)Evaluating Health Service Performance

Registered midwife with the equivalent of a related second undergraduate degree e.g. BN.

Session 1: 30

[MID441](#)Midwifery Studies 1[MID452](#)Midwifery as Primary Health Care 1

Session 2: 60

[MID442](#)Midwifery Studies 2[MID524](#)Challenges in Midwifery Practice

Session 3: 90

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

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been successfully completed, with a Postgraduate Diploma of Midwifery for students commencing 2010 – 2012 and with a Graduate Diploma of Midwifery for students commencing 2013 and beyond or continue in the Master of Midwifery.

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[HLT505](#) Research Methods in Health Science A

Elective

Session 5: 60

The 5th core midwifery subject or Elective

[HLT506](#) Health Masters Proposal

The academic transcript of applicants with a Postgraduate Diploma of Midwifery or Graduate Diploma of Midwifery will be assessed to determine eligibility for admission to the MMid.

Session 1

Either one midwifery subject or elective

[HLT505](#) Research Methods in Health Science A

Session 2

[HLT506](#) Health Masters Proposal

Elective

Workplace learning

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

NRS535 Primary Health Care: A Pathway to Better Health

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.

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

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