Course Enrolment Guide 2008

Bachelor of Midwifery

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1. How to use this Guide

This Course Enrolment Guide 2008 provides you with information on the units you will require completing your course; and when and where the units will be offered in 2008.

Steps to enrol in units for 2008

1. Read Section 2. ‘Program Information’ for information on course structure and unit sequence. Take note of any prerequisite or co-requisite requirements before selecting particular units.

2. Refer to the unit listings in Section 3. ‘Units Offered in 2008’ to select your units. Take note of the study period in which units are offered.

3. You must refer to ‘Enrolment Information 2008’ on the ACU intranet for information on how to complete your enrolment via Student Connect*. ‘Enrolment Information 2008’ also provides information on study period definitions, modes of study, campus locations, dates for each study period and census dates.

4. Log on to Student Connect – Managing Your Studies* and enrol.

5. After you have completed your enrolment, go to http://my.acu.edu.au/tutorialdirect to register your preferences for tutorials, laboratories or practical classes via the online tutorial registration using Tutorial Direct. (NB: There may be a delay of up to two hours before your unit enrolment information is updated in Tutorial Direct).

Contacting your Adviser

Your Course Co-ordinator/Advisor will be able to assist you with your enrolment. Contact details are available on the cover page of this Course Enrolment Guide.

* Student Connect is a web interface allowing students to complete their ACU National enrolment online.
2. Program Information

2008 Unit Offerings

A. Program Map – Bachelor of Midwifery

Below is a Program Map for the entire Bachelor of Midwifery course. New students are required to enrol in Year 1 units below. After enrolment is completed, go to http://my.acu.edu.au/tutorialdirect to register your preferences for tutorials, laboratories or practical classes via the online tutorial registration using Tutorial Direct. You will only be able to sign into tutorials groups specific to the Bachelor of Midwifery (NB: There may be a delay of up to two hours before your unit enrolment information is updated in Tutorial Direct).

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COURSE STRUCTURE:

COURSE TITLE: Bachelor of Midwifery

The course is comprised of twenty-four ten credit point units (total of 240 credit points) studied over six semesters, which means that a full-time semester study load is 4 units or 40 credit points. The course commencing in 2008 is divided into three strands of study: Interdisciplinary Foundation, Midwifery Theory and Midwifery Practice.

The Bachelor of Midwifery course espouses a with woman philosophy and thus is guided by fundamental concerns of justice, equity and the dignity of all human beings. It aims to prepare a midwife for competent practice in any maternity setting according to the internationally defined role and scope of midwifery practice.

REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE AWARD:

To complete the award and be eligible for registration (in Queensland) with the Queensland Nursing Council, students must successfully complete all 24 course units, which comprise of both theoretical and practical units of study.

COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Students who are expecting to receive credit transfer or recognition of prior learning must apply to the Course Coordinator as soon as possible for credit for previous studies or RPL. For example, Enrolled Nurses may be eligible to receive credit for three (3) units in this course. A Credit Application form, CR, is available from the Student Centre or on the web at http://my.acu.edu.au/student/managing_your_studies/forms.

Timetable

Once you are enrolled for 2008, and the Semester 1 Timetable is published (mid to late January), you will be able to go to the Timetable (http://my.acu.edu.au/2907) to find out your Timetable for Lectures for each of your units. For each of your enrolled units, there will also be:

- one Tutorial (for Indigenous Health and Culture and Contexts of Nursing 1),
- one Nursing Laboratory (Contexts of Nursing 1), and
- one Seminar Presentation (Applied Science for Practice 1) which you should attend each week.

Take some time to work out the best options for you in terms of different combinations of the timetable, then after your enrolment is completed, go to http://my.acu.edu.au/staff/resources/timetables_and_tutorial_direct to register your preferences for tutorials, laboratories or practical classes via the online tutorial registration using Tutorial Direct.

Overload/Maximum number of units to be taken

Unless you are on a specific study schedule that has more than 40 credit points per semester, the maximum number of units in which you may enrol in any semester is four units, i.e. 40 credit points. Students who wish to undertake additional units must consult the Course Coordinator, and obtain signed approval.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate

Students are required to have gained a certificate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation prior to entry to the course. Certificate-training courses are available through St John’s Ambulance, Queensland Ambulance Service and Australian Red Cross. Certification remains valid for 12 months.

Commencing students in year one will be required to present evidence of the currency of their certificate by the last working day of Week 3 Semester 2, and on an annual basis, so that an accurate database can be maintained by the Clinical Office. Continuing students or new students enrolling in
years two or three must submit their documentation to the Clinical Office via the Document Boxes located in the Nursing Laboratory, by the end of Week 3, Semester 1.

Immunisation/Vaccination
Immunisation is one of the most effective public health measures for the control of communicable diseases, protecting both the individual and the community. To reduce health risks, the Faculty of Health Sciences recommends that all students be vaccinated according to the Australian Standard Vaccination Schedule 2000-2002. This standard includes the following diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Haemophilus influenza type B
- Hepatitis B
- Measles
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Pneumococcal pneumonia
- Poliomyelitis
- Rubella
- Tetanus

Furthermore, students are advised that: “Immunisation against Hepatitis B is a precondition of employment for Queensland Health care workers who are involved in direct patient contact or who may be exposed to blood or bodily fluids in the course of their work” (Queensland Infection Control Policy Guidelines, 1999, 4.i). In order to give effect to this policy, Queensland Health requires that ALL health care students be immunised against Hepatitis B prior to their first clinical placement in Queensland Health facilities. Three (3) vaccinations are needed.

Students will therefore be required to present evidence of immunisation against Hepatitis B by the last working day of Week 3 Semester 1, or in the case of transfer or international students, when enrolling in the course. Previously immunised students who are uncertain of their serological status should arrange to have their antibody levels checked. Evidence of immunisation will consist of (I) record of vaccination and (ii) post-vaccination serological confirmation that an adequate response has resulted. Queensland Health determines that an adequate response to immunisation is a titre level of > 101U/ml. (Queensland Health Infection Control Policy Guidelines, 1999, 5.ii)

The Clinical Office will maintain a database of students’ immunisation status. A copy of the Queensland Health “Guidelines for Implementation of Queensland Health Policy for Hepatitis B (HBV) Immunisation in Relation to Health Care Workers” is available for perusal in the Clinical Office.

Queensland Health Student Orientation Check List
Go to the website http://www.health.qld.gov.au/sop and complete all online reading and other requirements. Then complete and sign the checklist before submission to the Clinical Office.

Uniforms
Students are required to wear the University uniform during clinical practice placement in various hospital and health care agencies. Uniform fittings are arranged for commencing first year students early in semester one. Uniforms will then be available in time for semester two clinical practice placements. Notices regarding uniform fittings may be accessed via electronic reserve under “Clinical Coordinator,” as well as on notice boards and by class announcements. There is a new uniform being implemented in 2008.

Blue Card
All students who work with children and young people as part of their studies will need to apply for a Blue Card. This means that all students of the Bachelor of Midwifery course undertaking off campus Clinical Placements will be required to apply for a Blue Card prior to their clinical experience. Blue Card applications can be accessed via: http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au

Once students have completed the application form, please make a booking at the Clinical Office for your application form and identity documents to be checked.
3. Units Offered in 2008

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Delivery Modes:
- **On Campus** - Offered face-to-face or with a WebCT component at any one of the six ACU National campuses.
- **On Site** - The unit is offered face-to-face at any location other than one of the six ACU National campuses.
- **Distance** - The unit is offered wholly through the provision of printed material to the student. These units may include a WebCT component but the printed material is the primary source of teaching.
- **Online** - The unit is offered wholly through ACU National Online.
- **Mixed mode** - The unit is offered as a combination of distance and either on campus or on site delivery modes.