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Bachelor of Midwifery (Indigenous)

Campus
Brisbane

Duration
3 years (full-time)

Weemala Indigenous Higher Education Unit

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Applications close in late January of each year.

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WEEMALA INDIGENOUS HIGHER EDUCATION UNIT

Weemala offers social, cultural, personal and academic assistance while you are undertaking your studies, and provides an environment that promotes positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity. We are located at Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Brisbane Campus. Learn more: acu.edu.au/indigenous

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who want to become registered midwives. It will prepare you to work as an entry-level midwife in any maternity setting – focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their families.

You will enrol in this midwifery course in an away-from-base mode, which enables you to live and work in your local community while studying and attending four residential of one week each in Brisbane throughout the year.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is comprised of six semesters of study and involves 12 residential blocks over the duration of the course on our Brisbane Campus. You will also undertake field clinical-based experiences and considerable self-directed learning.

The course units are organised into:

Foundation units

Foundation units cover the theory of Midwifery.

Core Units

The Core units are structured to develop a wider appreciation of the Common good, Human rights, and the dignity of mankind.

Practice Units

Practice units include clinical placements and community engagement, and provide the opportunity for you to apply theoretical knowledge to real life situations within a clinical context.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

You will be allocated a tutor through Tutorial Assistance which is co-ordinated by Weemala. Support for you in your home community is provided by regular contact with ITAS tutors, Weemala staff and faculty staff.

SUPPORT SERVICES

We offer a range of support services through our Office of Student Success. Services include counselling, academic assistance, and more.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

You may be eligible for ABSTUDY. Please contact Centrelink for information regarding financial assistance.

If you live one hour away from the University by public transport, you may be eligible for travel, accommodation and meal allowances for residential.

REQUIREMENTS

You must obtain a Suitability Card (blue card) for child related employment from the Queensland Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (QCCYPCG) before undertaking field experience. Further information is available at: childcomm.qld.gov.au

ADMISSION

Admission is by direct application at: acu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/health

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COURSE STRUCTURE

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY (INDIGENOUS)		
Year 1		
Semester 1	HLSC110 Beginning Professional Practice HLSC122 Inquiry in Health Care	BIOL121 Human Biological Science 1 MIDW127 Beginning the Journey
Semester 2	UNCC100 Our World Community and Vulnerability BIOL122 Human Biological Science 2	MIDW133 The Childbearing Journey MIDW100 Clinical Midwifery Practice 1
Year 2		
Semester 1	HLSC120 Society, Culture and Health MIDW245 Therapeutics in Midwifery	MIDW216 Being with Birthing Women MIDW200 Clinical Midwifery Practice 2
Semester 2	HLSC220 Health Care Ethics MIDW215 Perinatal Mental Health	MIDW217 Caring for Women with Complex Needs MIDW201 Clinical Midwifery Practice 3
Year 3		
Semester 1	UNCC300 Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives MIDW335 Babies Needing Extra Care	MIDW341 Feeding Babies MIDW300 Clinical Midwifery Practice 4: Caring for Babies
Semester 2	MIDW351 Global Perspectives on Midwifery MIDW350 Transition to Midwifery Practice	MIDW301 Clinical Midwifery Practice 5 (20cp)

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