

# Bachelor of Midwifery



Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2022

## Program structure

### Introductory courses (8) 96 units

**HLT100** Anatomy and Physiology  
**HLT103** Professional Health Communication  
**HLT121** Midwifery Foundations  
**HLT131** Practice Principles for Midwifery and Nursing  
**HLT132** Comprehensive Assessment in Midwifery  
**LFS103** Introductory Bioscience  
**NUR121** Health Care and the Professions  
**NUR131** Research Foundations for Health Practice

### Developing courses (8) 96 units

**HLT200** Midwifery Care Across the Continuum  
**HLT201** Therapeutics in Midwifery  
**HLT202** Midwifery Practice 2  
**HLT203** Advancing Midwifery  
**HLT206** Neonatal and Infant Health\*  
**HLT207** Midwifery Practice 1  
**NUR222** Health, Law and Ethics  
**NUR231** Drug Therapy

### Graduate courses (6) 84 units

**HLT301** Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care  
**HLT303** Perinatal and Infant Mental Health?  
**HLT310** Leadership and Governance in Maternity Care  
**HLT311** Midwifery Practice 3  
**HLT312** Midwifery Internship(24 units)  
**NUR332** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety

### Electives (2) 24 units

Select 2 elective courses (24 units) from:

**NUR312** Life Crisis  
**PAR301** Paramedic Primary Healthcare: Maternal and Child Health

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Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all USC courses are available on every USC campus.

**Total units: 288**

## Study sequence

This Bachelor of Midwifery recommended study sequence is for students commencing in the current semester.

Students who are registered nurses with a degree in nursing and have been given specified course credit from their previous degree should refer to the Registered Nurse Pathway.

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## Year 1

### Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT121</b> Midwifery Foundations	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393
<b>HLT131</b> Practice Principles for Midwifery and Nursing	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393
<b>LFS103</b> Introductory Bioscience	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Anti: <b>LFS100</b>
<b>HLT103</b> Professional Health Communication	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: Must be enrolled in SC391, SC393 or SC395, SC306 or SC017  Anti: COR109

### Session 4

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT132</b> Comprehensive Assessment in Midwifery	• Session 4, Semester 1	12	Pre: <b>HLT131</b> and enrolled in Program SC393. Semester 1 offering only for RN pathway students in SC393

### Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT100</b> Anatomy and Physiology	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC010, SC108, ED312, ED315, SC306, SC347, SC367, SC391, SC392, SC393 or Applied Environmental Health Extended Major  Anti: ( <b>LFS112</b> or LFS201 or LFS202) and <b>LFS122</b>
<b>NUR131</b> Research Foundations for Health Practice	• Online: Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC335, SC367, SC373, SC374, SC375, SC376, SC377, SC391, SC393,  Anti: PAR131, <b>HLT205</b>

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<b>NUR212</b> Contexts of practice: child, youth and family	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393
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## Year 2

### Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT122</b> Developing Midwifery	• Semester 1	12	Pre: <b>(HLT100 or LFS112)</b> and <b>HLT132</b> and enrolled in Program SC393  Co: <b>HLT121</b> or ( <b>HLT121</b> and <b>HLT132</b> and RN pathway credit)
<b>HLT123</b> Midwifery Practice 1	• Semester 1	12	Pre: <b>HLT121</b> and <b>HLT132</b> and enrolled in Program SC393 OR  Co: <b>HLT121</b> and <b>HLT132</b> and students who have received RN pathway credit
<b>NUR121</b> Health Care and the Professions	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC017, SC391 or SC393
<b>NUR231</b> Drug Therapy	• Semester 1	12	Pre: <b>NUR141</b> or <b>NUR116</b> or <b>HLT132</b> and <b>LFS103</b> or <b>HLT100</b> and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392, SC393  Anti: <b>PAR231</b>

### Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT201</b> Therapeutics in Midwifery	• Semester 2	12	Pre: <b>NUR231</b> and enrolled in Program SC393
<b>HLT203</b> Advancing Midwifery	• Semester 2	12	Pre: <b>HLT122</b> and enrolled in Program SC393 or SC394
<b>NUR222</b> Health, Law and Ethics	• Online: Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC385, SC391, SC392, SC393, SC335  Anti: <b>PAR222</b>

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## Session 8

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT202</b> Midwifery Practice 2	• Session 8	12	Pre: <b>HLT123</b> and enrolled in Program SC393

## Year 3

### Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT301</b> Contexts of Practice: Mental Health Care	• Session 1	12	Pre: <b>NUR141, NUR116, HLT123</b> or <b>PAR103</b>  Anti: PAR341 or NUR301
<b>HLT310</b> Leadership and Governance in Maternity Care	• Semester 1	12	Pre: <b>HLT203</b> and enrolled in Program SC393
<b>HLT311</b> Midwifery Practice 3	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393

PLUS select 2 courses from:

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>NUR241</b> Contexts of Practice: Health Alteration	• Semester 1	12	Pre: <b>NUR141</b> or <b>NUR116</b> or <b>HLT132</b> and <b>LFS103</b> or <b>HLT100</b> and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392, SC393
<b>NUR312</b> Life Crisis	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: <b>NUR117</b> or <b>NUR141</b> or <b>HLT132</b> and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392 or SC393
<b>NUR322</b> The Child Client	• Online: Session 4	12	Pre: <b>NUR117</b> or <b>NUR103</b> or <b>HLT132</b> and enrolled in Program SC391, SC392, SC393 or SC335

### Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
<b>HLT312</b> Midwifery Internship	• Session 4, Semester 2	24	Pre: <b>HLT310</b> and <b>HLT311</b> and enrolled in Program SC393.

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## Program requirements and notes

### Program requirements

In order to graduate students must:

- Successfully complete 288 units as outlined in the Program Structure

In order to commence clinical placement you must:

- Hold a valid Suitability Card (Blue Card), throughout the duration of your program, which is issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian (CCYPCG). You should allow 12 weeks for CCYPCG to issue the card. Note: students who do not possess a valid Blue Card will be unable to complete the clinical practice component of their program and will be unable to meet graduation requirements.
- have a National Criminal History check (by Queensland Police Service or other state/territory authority)
- show evidence of complete Hepatitis B vaccination (3 inoculations over a period of six months)
- hold a current First Aid and CPR certificate from an organisation recognised by the Australian Resuscitation Council

Note: You are required to commence action of the above requirements immediately after enrolling. Hepatitis B immunity can take up to six months to determine and the processing of your USC Blue Card Application Form can take up to 10 weeks. Visit Nursing and Midwifery - Clinical Placement for more information about these requirements before you apply.

Students are expected to:

- travel to attend supernumerary clinical placements and attend the full range of clinical shifts in placement areas
- make time commitment to completing the required clinical requirements including midwifery continuity of care experiences; students are required to complete 10 continuity of care experiences with women and their families, which will mean engagement in the program across the full calendar year and periods of on-call
- incur costs relating to clinical placement such as travel, parking and uniform
- have a level of computer literacy, including word processing and email
- Attend courses offered in Sessions (where applicable)

### Program notes

- Completing this program within the specified (full-time) duration is based on studying 48 unit points per semester (normally 4 courses) and undertaking some courses in Session 4 (Winter) or Session 8 (Summer) and following the recommended study sequence
- The unit value of all courses is 12 units unless otherwise specified
- It is each student's responsibility to enrol correctly according to your course requisites, program rules and requirements and be aware of the academic calendar dates
- Courses within this program are assessed using a variety of assessment methods including, for example, essays, seminar presentations, reports, in-class tests, and examinations
- Refer to the Managing your progression page for help in understanding your program structure, reviewing your progress and planning remaining courses
- The Bachelor of Midwifery program does not support concurrent enrolment with the Bachelor of Nursing Science or Bachelor of Paramedic Science
- Teaching sessions include Semester 1, Semester 2, Session 4, Session 6 and Session 8
- For Sippy Downs students some courses in this program will be taught at the Sunshine Coast Health Institute
  - HLT301 (if enrolling in Semester 1) MUST be completed at Sunshine Coast Health Institute.
  - Preparing for study at SCHI