

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

r4 refer Program notes

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 (Registered Nurse Pathway) recommended study sequence is for students commencing in the current semester

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Note: This study sequence is for students who are registered nurses with a degree in nursing and have been given specified course credit from their previous degree.

Year 1

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT121 Midwifery Foundations	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393
HLT122 Developing Midwifery	• Semester 1	12	Pre: (HLT100 or LFS112) and HLT132 and enrolled in Program SC393 Co: HLT121 or (HLT121 and HLT132 and RN pathway credit)
HLT123 Midwifery Practice 1	• Semester 1	12	Pre: HLT121 and HLT132 and enrolled in Program SC393 OR Co: HLT121 and HLT132 and students who have received RN pathway credit
HLT132 Comprehensive Assessment in Midwifery	• Session 4, Semester 1	12	Pre: HLT131 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
HLT201 Therapeutics in Midwifery	• Semester 2	12	Pre: NUR231 and enrolled in Program SC393
HLT203 Advancing Midwifery	• Semester 2	12	Pre: HLT122 and enrolled in Program SC393 or SC394
NUR212 Contexts of practice: child, youth and family	• Semester 2	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393

Session 8

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

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Year 2

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT310 Leadership and Governance in Maternity Care	• Semester 1	12	Pre: HLT203 and enrolled in Program SC393
HLT311 Midwifery Practice 3	• Semester 1	12	Pre: Enrolled in Program SC393

Session 4

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT312 Midwifery Internship	• Session 4, Semester 2	24	Pre: HLT310 and HLT311 and enrolled in Program SC393. Session 4 offering only for RN pathway students in SC393.

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)

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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