

NURS 2026 MIDWIFERY PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 4

Credit Points 10

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Description In this unit students will develop the necessary skills to provide midwifery care to women and neonates with complex health needs. In lab based simulation environments students will gain confidence in providing midwifery care following the detection of deviations from normal. Students will gain practical experience in designated clinical areas and will follow women through pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period in a continuity of care experience.

School Nursing & Midwifery

Discipline Midwifery

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Pre-requisite(s) NURS 2025 AND NURS 2022

Co-requisite(s) NURS 2004

Equivalent Subjects NURS 2024 Midwifery Practice Experience 3

Restrictions Students must be enrolled in 4684 Bachelor of Midwifery.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Communicate effectively with women who have complex health needs.
2. Recognise and respond appropriately to variations in maternal or infant vital signs.
3. Use and interpret cardiocographs (CTG) (fs).
4. Identify, assess and provide safe care for a woman experiencing a complex pregnancy, labour and birth or puerperium.
5. Recognise and respond to abnormal pathology.
6. Fulfil professional midwifery practice requirements including continuity of care.
7. Identify, assess and provide safe care for a baby with complex needs.
8. Identify medications used in complex maternal and neonatal care and safely administer IV medications .

Subject Content

1. Communication
 - communication skills for Working with women who have complex health needs and who require Additional procedures
 - documentation requirements
 - adherence to policy and Legislation
 - Escalation procedure following The detection of deviations from normal
2. Professional practice requirements

- documentation in accordance with professional and Legislative requirements
 - policy and procedure guidelines
 - informed consent
 - Privacy Issues
 - Confidentiality
 - infection control
 - medication calculations
 - Competency development
3. Midwifery skills for complex pregnancy and birth
 - diabetes management
 - Oxygen therapy and care of The woman following surgery
 - haemodynamics (revision of A-G assessment)
 - Oxygen saturation Monitoring
 - appropriate use of automated mechanical blood pressure Monitoring
 - interpretation of laboratory findings
 - preparation for surgery
 4. Labour and birth
 - Abdominal palpation for multiple Pregnancy
 - procedure for insertion of and use of prostaglandins and mechanical ripening
 - procedure for The titration of IVI insulin
 - Administer IV medications
 - assessment of meconium staining
 - care of The woman having Epidural pain Relief (including removal of Epidural catheter)
 - management of haemorrhage ? antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum
 - fetal Monitoring in Pregnancy and labour
 - appropriate interpretation of normal and abnormal CTG
 - labour and birth for multiple pregnancies
 - mechanisms of birth for Malpresentations
 - management of A woman having A seizure
 - use of narcotics in labour
 5. Newborn
 - Receiving The newborn at caesarean section
 - saturation Monitoring
 - observation of newborns following birth Trauma
 - care of The Baby Receiving Oxygen therapy
 - care of The unwell Baby
 - insertion of A nasogastric tube
 - care of A Baby Receiving phototherapy
 - NAS observation

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites

Student Compliance Information for all Health-Related Placements

Prior to enrolling in this subject, students must have submitted a Student Undertaking Form and undertake to apply for a National Police Check, which is required to be submitted before placement, and a Working with Children Check Student Declaration. Use the link to the Special Requirements webpage below for more information.

To be eligible to enrol in this subject and complete any required health-related placements or experiences, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements as well as any special, legislated, or policy-mandated requirements.

Western Program Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your program.

Special Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/special_requirements/)

Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy in the first year of your program, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet.

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet (https://issuu.com/uwspublications/docs/wsu_student_compliance_booklet_2020_v6/)

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements; the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

- If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements
- If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.
- NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire program.
- Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire program - approved program providers can be found at the Government Training website
- <http://training.gov.au> (<http://training.gov.au/>)
- Other non-health related requirements.

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW students only)

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/)

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Assessment and Care of a Woman Post-Operatively	1 hour	S/ U	Y	Individual

Skills Consolidation including Online Quizzes and completion of MPP4 'Midwifery Skills Book' (CPU based)	100%	S/ U	Y	Individual
Viva based on case studies around women and neonates with complex health needs	20 minutes	S/ U	Y	Individual
Portfolio: Submission of Bachelor of Midwifery Professional Practice Portfolio, including: - Midwifery Log of Practice Experience - Midwifery Continuity of Care Case Notes	Continuity of care 75 hours	S/ U	Y	Individual
Part A- Completion of online medication calculation safety Modules with 100% score in all on-line quizzes and Part B - In class Medication calculation safety quiz	Part A - Online Medication calculation safety Modules (All teaching weeks) and Part B - Medication calculation safety quiz - 30 minutes	S/ U	Y	Individual
Professional Placement Performance: Clinical placement 100% attendance and Australian Midwifery Standards Assessment Tool (AMSAT) x 1 summative	100% Attendance Clinical Practicum: 248 hours	S/ U	Y	Individual

Teaching Periods

2nd Half

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Day

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View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/even/timetable/?subject_code=NURS2026_22-2H_PS_D#subjects)