

# GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH (KARITANE) (4714)

**Approved Abbreviation:** GDCh&FHLth(Karitane)  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4714  
**AQF Level:** 8

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2021 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year Spring 2020 to Autumn 2021, please refer to: 4714.3 Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4714.3>)

For Commencement Year Spring 2018 to Autumn 2020, please refer to: 4714.2 Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4714.2>)

The Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane) aims to provide Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives with theoretical knowledge and associated skills that prepare them to work autonomously and across a variety of clinical settings with children and families. Graduates will be able to apply advanced practice, concepts and analysis and lead practice to promote optimal health outcomes for children and families. Students who successfully complete this program may transfer into the Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane).

## Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 4715 Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/graduate-certificate-child-family-health-karitane/>)

## Study Mode

Two years part-time.

## Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

## Admission 2022

Candidature for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Child & Family Health (Karitane) is based on the following requirements:

Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Nursing and Midwifery). Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this program

And

Completion of an undergraduate degree (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), in any discipline

And

One year full-time equivalent work experience as a registered nurse or registered midwife within the last five years.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement\\_of\\_Service.PDF](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF))

## Admission 2023

Registered Nurse or Midwife (currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Nursing and Midwifery) or eligibility for same, or certificate of registration of nursing, within the last five years, in their own country. Any other type of registration (non-practicing, limited, or student) is not acceptable for this course.

And

Completion of an undergraduate degree in Nursing or Midwifery.

## Additional Information

This program is not available for admission to onshore international student visa holders.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Program Structure

If you commenced in 2023 or later please refer to the Structure 2023 tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points comprised of the subjects listed below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
NURS 7010	Child and Family Health: Professional Practice and Frameworks	10
NURS 7009	Child and Family Health Practice: Supporting Growth and Development	10
NURS 7012	Clinical Practice: Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding	10
NURS 7055	Perinatal, Infant and Child Mental Health	10
NURS 7026	Healthy Families and Communities	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
Select two subjects from the following:		20
NURS 7043	Scholarship for Practice Change in Health Care	
NURS 7045	Writing for Publication	
NURS 7004	Applied Research in Health Care	
NURS 7022	Ethics in Health Research	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>

#### Program Structure

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2023 or later. If you commenced prior to 2023 please refer to the Structure 2022 tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points comprised of the subjects listed below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
NURS 7010	Child and Family Health: Professional Practice and Frameworks	10
NURS 7026	Healthy Families and Communities	10
NURS 5001	Child and Family Health Practice: Supporting Growth and Development	10
NURS 5002	Clinical Practice: Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding	10
NURS 5003	Perinatal, Infant and Child Mental Health	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
NURS 3007	Contemporary Issues in Child and Adolescent Health	10
PUBH 7021	Primary Health Care and its Applications	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>