

# MASTER OF CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH (KARITANE) (4713)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MCh&FamHlth(Karitane)  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4713  
**AQF Level:** 9

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 2020, please refer to: 4713.3 Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4713.3>)

For Commencement Year 2018 to Autumn 2020, please refer to: 4713.2 Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4713.2>)

For Commencement Year 2015 to 2018, please refer to: 4713.1 Master of Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4713.1>)

The Master of 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. This will involve among other things, design, implementation and evaluation of advanced clinical care systems, analysis and synthesis of concepts leading to a basis for advanced practice and the facilitation of change. Opportunities will be provided for students to undertake in-depth study into aspects of child and family health relevant to their specific areas of practice.

## Early Exits

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/programs/graduate-certificate-child-family-health-karitane/>) or on completion of 80 credit points with a 4714 Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health (Karitane) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/graduate-diploma-child-family-health-karitane/>)

## Study Mode

Three 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

## Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent requirements ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/))

## Admission 2022

Candidature for admission to the Master of Child and 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) 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 program.

And

Completion of an undergraduate degree in health-related sciences (AQF Level 7 or equivalent), such as health science, human science, midwifery, naturopathy, nursing, nutrition, psychology

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))

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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 120 credit points including 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 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
Select 50 credit points of subjects from		50
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	
NURS 7065	Capstone Experience in Health Care	
NURS 7042	Research Project in Health Care	
Note: NURS 7065 and NURS 7042 are 20 credit point subjects		
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>120</b>

**Students undertaking NURS 7042 Research Project in Health Care must first complete NURS 7004 Applied Research in Health Care and NURS 7022 Ethics in Health Research**

## 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 120 credit points including the subjects listed below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
NURS 7010	Child and Family Health: Professional Practice and Frameworks	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 7026	Healthy Families and Communities	10
NURS 3007	Contemporary Issues in Child and Adolescent Health	10
NURS 7023	Evidence Based Health Care	10
PUBH 7021	Primary Health Care and its Applications	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
NURS 7065	Capstone Experience in Health Care	20
Select 10 credit points of subjects from		10
NURS 7025	Health Promotion and the Nurse	
HLTH 7002	Building Organisational Capacity in Health Care	
PUBH 7018	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care	
NURS 7015	Clinical Teaching for Learning	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>120</b>