

NURS 3025 MIDWIFERY PRACTICE - GLOBAL MATERNAL HEALTH

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401226

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Description This subject will provide students with an opportunity to explore the full scope of midwifery practice from a global perspective. Students will gain an understanding of the role midwifery plays within the broader context of women's health both in Australia and globally. It will provide an opportunity for students to experience an alternative midwifery model. Students will undertake a three week practice placement. The practice placement can be located locally, nationally or internationally. The purpose of this placement is for students to consider the role of midwifery and its impact on improving women's health in a range of settings. It will support the development of skills in assessing the need and rationale for the provision of midwifery services in different environments and settings.

School Nursing & Midwifery

Discipline Midwifery

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) NURS 3030 AND NURS 2004

Equivalent Subjects NURS 3026 Midwifery Practice - Models of Care

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4684 Bachelor of Midwifery.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically discuss human rights issues and their relationship to sexual, reproductive, maternal and newborn health care globally
2. Reflect and critically discuss the diversity of maternity care provision nationally and internationally and the potential role information technology can play
3. Identify and critically discuss global strategies for improving women's and children's health
4. Reflect and critically discuss the role midwifery can play in improving sexual, reproductive, maternal and newborn health care globally
5. Communicate effectively through verbal presentations, academic written work, and in professional settings

Subject Content

1. Review the social determinants of health impact on sexual, reproductive, maternal and newborn health care
2. Reproductive, maternal and newborn health indicators in Australia and Globally

3. Impact of gender on health
 4. Human rights in childbirth
 5. The rise in human trafficking of women and girls
 6. The full scope of midwifery practice within a global context
 7. The role of the midwife in health education and promotion
 8. Maternity care delivery by different health-care professionals and non-health care professionals
 9. The use of innovative information technology and electronic resources
 10. Factors influencing the type or model of midwifery care and the organisation of maternity care (eg. environmental, cultural, demographic, consumer demand)
 11. The role of the midwife in crisis situations (e.g. natural disasters, war)
 - infant feeding in emergency situations e.g floods, earthquakes refugees
 - Midwifery care in emergency situations refugees, women's health and Midwifery
 12. Contraceptive care in the global context- the role of the midwife
 13. Culturally safe midwifery care
 14. Placement requirements for the planned experience
 15. Safety and security in placements
 16. Disparities in maternal health in Globally and in Australia
 17. Practice Placement Experiences
- In this subject student midwives will complete a placement experience of 96 hours. This will be an opportunity where possible, for students to experience an alternate model of midwifery to that they are currently experiencing. Students will explore and critically reflect on their placement and where appropriate provide midwifery care under supervision.
- Potential Practice Placements; Rural Midwifery Service, Midwifery Continuity of Care Models, Aboriginal maternity service, Culturally specific maternity services, Outreach maternity service, Justice Health services, Overseas placement

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Prerequisites Pre-requisites

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/)

To be eligible to enrol in a subject and attend a health-related placement in your course, students must meet Western Sydney University course requirements AND Special Legislative Requirements to be assessed in their first year of study against the following

1. National Criminal History Check: Students must have a current (expiring 3 years from date of issue) check valid for their entire course.

A valid National Criminal history check must be an Australia wide check, include the student's full name matching their Student ID card and date of birth and not have any offences listed. If a student has a criminal history identified on their check, they must provide a Clinical Placement Authority Card (CPAC) or conditional letter from the NSW HealthShare Employment Screening and Review Unit

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/student_clearance/Documents/appendix-10-student-application.pdf

2. A NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance letter issued under the category of volunteer valid for their entire course.
3. A current approved first aid certificate valid for their entire course, approved provider courses can be found at <http://training.gov.au>
4. A completed vaccination/immunisation card with all serology results containing expiry dates and currency must be maintained by the student to ensure compliance for their entire course
5. NSW Undertaking/Declaration form
6. Completed any additional health forms required (such as NSW Health Code of Conduct, Health Student Undertaking/Declaration and Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment Tool)
7. Relevant Local Health District specific documentation as requested.

Contact your School for further details. Resources are also available on the Placement Hub website

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/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.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Critical Review	500 words	20	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,500 words	50	N	Individual	Y
Presentation	Part A: Minimum A2 size Poster Part B: 20 minute presentation	30	N	Group	Y
Professional Placement Performance	100% attendance	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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