

NURS 7056 PREPARATION FOR MIDWIFERY PRACTICE

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401352

Coordinator Fiona Arundell ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Fiona Arundell/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Fiona%20Arundell/))

Description In this subject, students will consolidate their knowledge and midwifery skills in preparation for their role as a midwife. They will continue to practice in designated clinical areas and follow through their 10 continuity of care experiences. Students will complete the professional portfolio and reflect on how they can identify and plan for personal professional development and leadership as midwives, including the professional development needs of others. Students will be assessed across the midwife standards for practice. In addition, students will have the opportunity to examine leadership development and styles within the midwifery profession and examine the midwives' role in research translation and dissemination. Students are encouraged to consider their role in future midwifery leadership.

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 Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) NURS 7085 - Complex Midwifery Theory and Practice

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 4775 Graduate Diploma in Midwifery and be a registered nurse employed in a participating NSW Health Local Health District or private maternity facility in the position of a midwifery student.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically discuss the components and relevance of continuing professional development
2. Develop skills for critical self-reflection through individual and group processes
3. Critically discuss the potential for career development in the health care system
4. Demonstrate a safe standard of Midwifery practice and capacity to critically reflect on the professional requirements for midwifery practice
5. Discuss differences between leadership and management in relation to midwifery as a profession
6. Discuss and critically reflect on the importance of leadership development and leadership styles for midwifery as a profession
7. Critically reflect on the importance of research including translation and dissemination into everyday midwifery practice

Subject Content

-Maintaining Currency

- Midwifery Portfolios
- Self and group critical reflection

- Professional development

-Career Development

- Career options
- Career planning

-Leadership

- Leadership and management
- Leaders as change agents
- Reflection and critical thinking in relation to leadership
- Leading in a changing and diverse environment
- Building, motivating and leading collaborative teams

-Research

- Midwife's role in research translation and dissemination
- Future midwifery research opportunities

-Midwife standards for practice

- Promotes health and wellbeing through evidence-based midwifery practice
- Engages in professional relationships and respectful partnerships
- Demonstrates the capability and accountability for midwifery practice

- Undertakes comprehensive assessments
- Develops a plan for midwifery practice
- Provides safety and quality in midwifery practice
- Evaluates outcomes to improve midwifery practice

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Legislative requirements would have been attended to by employing NSW Health Local Health District or private maternity facility.

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
Reflection	4 x 400 word reflections	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Placement Performance Guide	Refer to Learning Guide	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Portfolio	Refer to Learning Guide	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- De-Vitry Smith, S. & Bayes, S. (2018). Skills for midwifery practice (Aust & New Zealand ed.). Chatswood, N.S.W.: Elsevier.
- Pairman, S., Tracy, S., Dahlen, H. & Dixon, L. (2019). Midwifery: preparation for practice (4th ed.). Chatswood, N.S.W.: Elsevier.

Teaching Periods

Block A Session (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

Subject Contact Fiona Arundell ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Fiona Arundell/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Fiona%20Arundell/))

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=NURS7056_25-BA_PS_1#subjects)

Summer (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

Subject Contact Fiona Arundell ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Fiona Arundell/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Fiona%20Arundell/))

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=NURS7056_25-SUM_PS_1#subjects)