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NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY

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About nursing and midwifery

RMIT University's Discipline of Nursing and Midwifery is committed providing tertiary nursing and midwifery education, research and healthcare both nationally and within the Asia-Pacific Rim.

Nursing and midwifery respects the individual, fosters diversity, promotes community and cultivates life-long learning. It aims to promote dynamic programs of nursing education and research that inform and address critical health issues and problems in the region, both now and in the future. A vibrant and diverse learning environment is enhanced through industry partnerships.

As health expenditure is predicted to rise significantly over the next decades there will be significant and far reaching implications for future health and social care policies, and for nursing education. RMIT nursing and midwifery aims to meet these challenges by engaging with the wider community, to provide high quality teaching and research that is innovative and addresses the needs and emerging trends in nursing and midwifery care.

'I am studying at RMIT because of the hands-on approach and reputation for embracing global education. I really wanted to take advantage of the programs and the international learning experiences that RMIT University offers.

'I believe that as people we should always be trying to better ourselves, and learn more every day. This is especially true of health professionals, where continuous education is essential to keep up with technological and medical advancements.'

Nouran Katooa (cover image)
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (Nursing)



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WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

RMIT is committed to work-integrated learning (WIL) by incorporating WIL experiences such as professional practice placements and learning tasks related to workplace experience as positive features of the programs. WIL is an integral component in many assessment requirements that require problem-based learning and critical reflection on practice.

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH NURSING

Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing

RMIT program code
GD159

Location
Bundoora campus

Mode and duration
1 year full-time or
2 years part-time

Offered via face-to-face classes supplemented
by independent study and clinical placements.
Midyear places may be available.

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The *Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing* prepares experienced midwives for advanced practice in child and family health in community settings.

You will be exposed to a range of teaching/learning opportunities including face-to-face lectures, online learning, and field experience across a broad range of practice, within the framework of early childhood services.

RMIT University's discipline of nursing and midwifery is one of the oldest providers of nursing education in Australia.

RMIT is at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a wide range of postgraduate programs designed to meet the challenge of current practice and research.

Clinical practice

To fulfil the requirements of the *Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing* and in addition to the theory, you are expected to complete a minimum of 300 hours over the course of the program in an approved maternal and child health setting.

Pathway

If you successfully complete the *Graduate Diploma in Child and Family Health Nursing* program with a grade point average (GPA) of 75% and with 75% in a postgraduate research program, you may proceed to the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (minor thesis option).

If you have not achieved an overall GPA of 75% in the graduate diploma program and 75% in a postgraduate research program, you may be eligible for entry into the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (project option).

Career outlook

Graduates are able to pursue careers in maternal and child health nursing through local government, early parenting centres and community services.

Professional recognition

You may wish to join professional organisations such as the Victorian Association of Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

Applicants should note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration as nurses or midwives must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a *Bachelor of Nursing*
- » have successfully completed an undergraduate research course as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery
- » hold current registration as a nurse and midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- » have no less than one year of nursing experience within the last five years
- » and have no less than one year of midwifery experience. If you are just completing midwifery you can undertake this program on a part-time basis while working part-time in midwifery.

Research requirements

If you have not successfully completed a research course in your undergraduate studies, as approved by the program leader, you are required to undertake a research unit at an undergraduate level or its equivalent, as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A\$13 440 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The graduate diploma consists of 96 credit points. The following is an example of courses offered.

Core courses

Credit points

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| » Clinical issues for children in the community | 12 |
| » Communication and counselling for health care professionals | 12 |
| » Contemporary issues in nursing and health care | 12 |
| » Family studies | 12 |
| » Primary health and assessment of the young child | 12 |
| » Research in nursing and midwifery | 12 |

Select two courses

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| » Advanced nursing practice in stroke management | 12 |
| » Advanced physical assessment in nursing practice | 12 |
| » Breastfeeding and human lactation | 12 |
| » Clinical teaching in nursing practice | 12 |
| » Examining nursing practice | 12 |
| » Philosophic inquiry in nursing | 12 |
| » Quality improvement for nursing | 12 |

CRITICAL CARE NURSING

Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing

RMIT program code
GC086

Location

Bundoora campus

Mode and duration

1 year part-time

Offered via distance education/online and face-to-face classes supplemented by online material.

Midyear places may be available.

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The *Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing* consists of four courses designed to focus on the speciality and application of intensive care nursing.

To undertake this program you will be working in an intensive care environment and applying the knowledge gained each week. This program offers the essential knowledge to assist you in becoming an advanced practice nurse in the intensive care area.

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RMIT is at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a wide range of postgraduate programs designed to meet the challenge of current practice and research.

Pathway

On completion you can pursue a *Graduate Diploma of Nursing* followed by a *Master of Nursing*.

Career outlook

Graduates will be specialist nurses in the area of intensive care nursing. This is a portable profession allowing employment in hospital critical care units (such as coronary care and intensive care) and in rural and remote critical care nursing.

Professional recognition

You may wish to join professional organisations such as the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (www.acccn.com.au).

You will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a *Bachelor of Nursing* or equivalent
- » have successfully completed undergraduate studies in research as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery
- » hold current registration (or be eligible for registration) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- » have no less than two years of nursing experience within the past five years in an acute care clinical setting, however those with less experience may be considered and admitted at the discretion of the selection officer
- » be a practising professional in the area of specialty practice throughout the period of the program with a clinical agency that has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with RMIT. If this applies to you, RMIT will be able to verify which clinical agency fits this criterion.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A\$6 720 per year

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The graduate certificate consists of 48 credit points.

The following is an example of courses offered.

Courses	Credit points
» Advanced nursing technology	12
» Critical care nursing studies 1	12
» Critical care nursing studies 2	12
» Professional development in critical care practice	12

EMERGENCY NURSING

Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing

RMIT program code
GC087

Location
Bundoora campus

Mode and duration
1 year part-time

Offered via distance education/online and face-to-face classes supplemented by online material.

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The *Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing* consists of four courses designed to focus on the speciality and application of emergency nursing. To undertake this program you will be working in an emergency department and applying the knowledge gained each week.

This program offers the essential knowledge to assist you in becoming an advanced practice nurse in the emergency department area. Content includes a range of topical issues including a 30% focus on trauma and paediatrics.

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RMIT is at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a wide range of postgraduate programs designed to meet the challenge of current practice and research.

Pathway

Graduates can pursue a *Graduate Diploma of Nursing* followed by a *Master of Nursing*.

Career outlook

Graduates will be specialist nurses in the area of emergency nursing. This is a portable profession allowing employment in hospital emergency departments as well as rural and remote areas.

Professional recognition

You may wish to join professional organisations such as the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (www.cena.org.au).

You will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent
- » have successfully completed an undergraduate research course as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery
- » hold current registration (or be eligible for registration) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- » have no less than two years of nursing experience within the past five years in an acute care clinical setting (including six months in an emergency environment) however those with less experience may be considered and admitted at the discretion of the selection officer
- » be a practising professional in the area of specialty practice throughout the period of the program with a clinical agency that has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with RMIT. If this applies to you, RMIT will be able to verify which clinical agency fits this criterion.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A\$6 720 per year

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The graduate certificate consists of 48 credit points.

The following is an example of courses offered.

Courses	Credit points
» Advanced nursing technology	12
» Emergency nursing studies 1	12
» Emergency nursing studies 2	12
» Professional development in emergency nursing practice	12

MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing

RMIT program code
GD158

Location

Bundoora campus
Distance education

Mode and duration

1 year full-time or
2 years part-time

Offered via distance education/online and face-to-face classes supplemented by online material.

Midyear places may be available.

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The *Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing* prepares you for specialty mental health nursing practise.

You will be exposed to a range of teaching/learning opportunities including distance education packages, online learning, face-to-face lectures and learning experiences. All lectures are video recorded to enhance the flexible delivery of this program.

RMIT University's discipline of nursing and midwifery is one of the oldest providers of nursing education in Australia.

RMIT is at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a wide range of postgraduate programs designed to meet the challenge of current practice and research.

Pathway

If you successfully complete the *Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing* with a grade point average (GPA) of 75%, you may proceed to the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (minor thesis option) or a master by research.

If an overall GPA of 75% is not achieved, you will be eligible for entry into the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (project option).

If you have completed a recognised psychiatric graduate nurse program (at least 12 months in duration) and/or are a Division 3 nurse with advanced standing and experience, you may make application for credit towards courses in this program.

Career outlook

Graduates of the *Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing* are able to pursue careers in mental health nursing in a wide range of hospital and community settings across metropolitan and rural areas.

Professional recognition

Mental health nurses who are eligible to join a professional organisation such as the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (www.acmhn.org) and are able to cite this qualification as part of their application for credentialing. Credentialed mental health nurses are able to be funded for employment under the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program. They can also achieve accreditation which will enable them to obtain a provider number that supports development of their own private practice. Registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

Applicants should note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a bachelor degree in nursing or psychiatric nursing (in the case of division 3 a diploma may be considered equivalent)
- » have successfully completed an undergraduate research course as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery
- » hold current registration (or be eligible for registration) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- » have completed 840 hours of supervised clinical practice in the field of mental health nursing.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A\$13 440 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The graduate diploma consists of 96 credit points. The following is an example of courses offered.

Semester one	Credit points
» Advanced counselling skills for individuals and groups	12
» Communication and counselling	12
» Mental illness and treatment	12
» Elective	12
Semester two	
» Assessment analysis in mental health nursing	12
» Professional development in health practice	12
» Research in nursing and midwifery	12
» Contemporary issues in nursing and health care	12

NURSING (GD)

Graduate Diploma in Nursing

RMIT program code

GD013

CRICOS code

038954C

Location

Bundoora campus
Mixed mode

Mode and duration

1 year full-time or
2 years part-time

Midyear places may be available.

International students can only study full-time.

Exit point

Graduate Certificate in Critical Care Nursing

RMIT program code: GC086
1 year part-time

Graduate Certificate in Emergency Nursing

RMIT program code: GC087
1 year part-time

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The *Graduate Diploma in Nursing* is designed to further develop your nursing skills in the speciality areas of child and family health, critical care, emergency, mental health, neuroscience, leadership, practice, research and scholarship in the discipline of nursing.

RMIT University's discipline of nursing and midwifery is one of the oldest providers of nursing education in Australia.

RMIT is at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a wide range of postgraduate programs designed to meet the challenge of current practice and research.

Pathway

If you successfully complete the *Graduate Diploma in Nursing* with a grade point average (GPA) of 75% and with 75% in a postgraduate research course, you may proceed to the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (minor thesis option).

If an overall GPA of 75% is not achieved, you will be eligible for entry into the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (project option).

Career outlook

The program prepares experienced nurses for advanced nursing practice in specialty nursing areas and leadership roles in advanced practice, education, and research.

Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a *Bachelor of Nursing*
- » have successfully completed an undergraduate research course as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery
- » hold current registration (or be eligible for registration) as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- » have no less than one year of nursing experience within the last five years and
- » be a practising professional in the area of specialty practice throughout the period of the program (where applicable).

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A\$13 440 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students

2012: A\$18 240 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The graduate diploma consists of 96 credit points. This incorporates graduate certificate (48 credit points).

The following is an example of courses offered.

Core courses Credit points

- » Contemporary issues in nursing and health care 12
- » Research in nursing and midwifery 12

Stream

- » Nursing (for international students)

Elective courses

Select three courses*

- » Advanced clinical nursing practice: stroke management 12
- » Advanced nursing technology (highly recommended for critical care, emergency and specialties) 12
- » Advanced physical assessment nursing practice 12
- » Clinical teaching in nursing practice 12
- » Examining nursing practice 12
- » Nursing ethics and health care 12
- » Philosophic inquiry in nursing 12
- » Quality improvement for nurses 12

* International students must select four elective courses.

NURSING (M)

Master of Nursing

RMIT program code

MC017

CRICOS code

038954C

Location

Bundoora campus

Mixed mode

Mode and duration

1.5 years full-time or

3 years part-time

Midyear places may be available.

International students can only study full-time.

Exit points

Graduate Diploma in Nursing

RMIT program code: GD013

CRICOS code: 038954C

1 year full-time or

2 years part-time

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The *Master of Nursing* is designed to further develop your research and scholarship skills in the discipline of nursing.

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RMIT is at the forefront of nursing education and research, offering a wide range of postgraduate programs designed to meet the challenge of current practice and research.

Pathway

If you successfully complete the *Graduate Diploma in Nursing* with a grade point average (GPA) of 75% and with 75% in a postgraduate research course, you may proceed to the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (minor thesis option).

If an overall GPA of 75% is not achieved, you will be eligible for entry into the *Master of Nursing* by coursework (project option).

Career outlook

The program prepares experienced nurses for advanced nursing practice in specialty nursing areas and leadership roles in advanced practice, education, and research.

Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a *Bachelor of Nursing*
- » have successfully completed an undergraduate research course as approved by RMIT nursing and midwifery
- » hold current registration (or be eligible for registration) as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
- » have no less than one year of nursing experience within the last five years and
- » be a practising professional in the area of specialty practice throughout the period of the program (where applicable).

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A\$13 440 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students

2012: A\$18 240 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The master consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates graduate diploma (96 credit points). The following is an example of courses offered.

Master

Option A

- » Minor thesis 48

OR

Option B

- » Project 24
- » Select two courses from the core courses or electives in the *Graduate Diploma in Nursing* 24

Please refer to separate entires for information on the graduate diplomas and graduate certificates in nursing programs.

Note: A minimum of 72 credit points of the master program must be completed at RMIT University even if you have completed a graduate diploma or equivalent at another university. Please ensure you complete enough units from the RMIT graduate diploma to be eligible for the award of *Master of Nursing*.

NURSING (PhD)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (Nursing)

RMIT program code

DR103

CRICOS code

065698A

Location

Bundoora campus

Mode and duration

4 years full-time or

8 years part-time

Midyear places may be available.

International students can only study full-time.

Exit points

Master of Nursing

RMIT program code: MR010

CRICOS code: 022044F

2 year full-time or

4 years part-time

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The PhD and/or *Master of Nursing* by research enables you to achieve a high level of academic achievement and scholarship through the generation of an independent piece of research.

Supervision can be provided in a range of areas and in a variety of theoretical traditions and research methodologies. Specific areas include:

- » child and family health nursing
- » clinical nursing
- » critical transcultural nursing
- » health education
- » health policy
- » mental health nursing
- » midwifery
- » multicultural health
- » policy evaluation
- » primary health
- » public health.

Prior to applying, you are required to discuss and arrange with the director of research a possible research topic and supervisors. A research proposal is required as part of the application procedure.

If you are a PhD candidate, you are normally required to undertake a postgraduate level research unit as part of your candidature. Where eligible, exemptions from this requirement should be applied for at enrolment.

Pathway

Graduates of the *Master of Nursing* can seek admission to the PhD program. If you are making good progress and you can demonstrate that they you are able to develop the scope of your program, you can apply for transfer to the PhD program.

Career outlook

Graduates of higher degree programs in nursing and midwifery will seek leadership roles in health care services and public health organisations. They will be able to develop independent research, form collaborations and apply for post-doctoral posts (for PhD graduates).

Entrance requirements

Master

- » A first degree from RMIT (or equivalent) with at least a 75% average in the final undergraduate year; or equivalent; or
- » Evidence of appropriate experience which satisfies the School of Graduate Studies that you have developed knowledge of the field of study sufficient to undertake the proposed program.
- » You must also be registered or eligible for registration in Australia as a Division 1 Nurse.

PhD

- » A first class honors degree or master by research or qualified for a degree of master by coursework, that includes a research program with a duration of at least one semester full-time.
- » The School may consider direct entry if you have qualified for a master by coursework and achieved an overall grade point average of 75% or above without having undertaken a research program of at least one semester's duration. This is provided you can demonstrate other areas of research experience, relevant to the discipline, in the form of publications and conference presentations.
- » You must also hold a *Bachelor of Nursing* qualification; or have qualified for another award deemed to be equivalent in character and standard to the above degrees (such other professional nursing and/or midwife experience as considered appropriate by the School and College.)
- » Finally, you must have made a significant and original contribution to knowledge of fact and/or theory, independent and critical thought, and have the capacity to work independently of supervision.

Extra requirements

You should seek academic support when developing your proposal as part of the application process.

Application procedure

RMIT Graduate School of Research

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A\$20 160 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students

2012: A\$25 920 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

You will work with a senior supervisor and at least one other supervisor on an independent project. RMIT offers research courses and professional development programs through the School of Graduate Studies to support and enhance your outcome.

MIDWIFERY (GC)

Graduate Certificate in Midwifery

RMIT program code

GC002

CRICOS code

038970C

Location

Bundoora campus

Mode and duration

0.5 years full-time

Midyear places may be available.

International students can only study full-time.

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The *Graduate Certificate in Midwifery* provides opportunities for the qualified midwife to be re-endorsed as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and provides opportunities for further studies and development of leadership and scholarship in the discipline of midwifery.

Advanced standing

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer are ways that RMIT recognises applicants' skills and knowledge gained through formal and informal education and training, work experience, and/or life experience (including volunteer work, committee responsibilities, family duties, hobbies).

Pathway

Credits may be granted for courses passed in other tertiary-level programs. After completing this program you may apply to the *Graduate Diploma in Midwifery* or the *Master of Midwifery*.

Career outlook

Successful completion of the program will allow graduates to apply to be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, entitling the graduate to practice midwifery in an extensive range of midwifery practice settings in rural and metropolitan regions, institutional and community settings.

Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a midwife. In addition, you may apply for membership of academic and midwifery professional bodies.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally be:

- » a midwife (including international qualified midwife) seeking registration or re-registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, or
- » a midwife from overseas wishing to obtain initial registration in Australia.

In addition, you must apply in writing to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia for your qualification to be assessed.

Following assessment of your application, you will receive a letter indicating the program required to be undertaken to meet registration requirements. This letter should be submitted with your application.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A\$6 720 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students

2012: A\$9 120 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

The graduate certificate consists of 48 credit points.

The following is an example of courses offered.

Coursework	Credit points
» Midwifery 1	12
» Midwifery 2	12
» Midwifery 3	12
» Midwifery 4	12

Note: due to the experience of the applicants applying for this program, you may receive RPL for two of the four courses above.

Workshops are conducted over 10 days (78 hours) to cover the theory. You are required to undertake between 160 to 400 hours of midwifery practice in a maternity unit. This is organised by the RMIT midwifery program director in consultation with you.

MIDWIFERY (GD)

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

RMIT program code

GD015

CRICOS code

038974K

Location

Bundoora campus

Mode and duration

1 year full-time or
2 years part-time

Midyear places may be available.

International students can only study full-time.

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www.rmit.edu.au/programs/gd015

The *Graduate Diploma in Midwifery* fosters the development of leadership and scholarship in the discipline of midwifery and prepares registered nurses to enter midwifery practice. This will lead to registration as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Advanced standing

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer are ways that RMIT recognises applicants' skills and knowledge gained through formal and informal education and training, work experience, and/or life experience (including volunteer work, committee responsibilities, family duties, hobbies).

Pathway

Credits may be granted for courses passed in other tertiary-level programs. After completing this program you may apply to the *Master of Midwifery*.

Career outlook

Successful completion of the program will allow graduates to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, entitling the graduate to practise midwifery in an extensive range of midwifery practice settings in rural and metropolitan regions, institutional and community settings.

Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a midwife. In addition, you may apply for membership of academic and midwifery professional bodies.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally:

- » hold a *Bachelor of Nursing* or equivalent from an approved higher education institution
- » be a registered nurse, or be eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (this includes International students).

It is preferable if you have completed one year of acute nursing.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A\$13 440 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students
2012: A\$18 240 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

If you are a full-time student, you will complete one day of theory (on campus) over 12 weeks of each semester. Variation to this may occur, dependent on the material to be covered. If studying part-time, you can expect to attend campus eight days per semester for the theory component.

Clinical practice

In addition to the theory, full-time students are expected to complete three days of midwifery practice per week (two days of which are paid). If you wish to study by this method, you should apply to an affiliated hospital for one of these positions. Applications to a hospital should be completed at the same time that you apply to RMIT.

Part-time students are expected to complete one to two days of midwifery practice per week. In some cases it may be possible to gain a part-time paid position with an affiliated hospital, for example the Northern or Mercy Hospital.

An alternative pathway for part-time studies is to undertake theory only in year one, doing two courses per semester. You will then apply for a full-time clinical position in the second year along with completing the theory component. If you elect to do this then you must enrol in Midwifery 1 and 2 in the first year.

The graduate diploma consists of 96 credit points.

The following is an example of courses offered.

Coursework	Credit points
» Breastfeeding and human lactation	12
» Family studies	12
» Midwifery 1	12
» Midwifery 2	12
» Midwifery 3	12
» Midwifery 4	12
» Research in health care	12
» Trends and issues in midwifery	12



MIDWIFERY (M)

Master of Midwifery

RMIT program code

MC022

CRICOS code

038978F

Location

Bundoora campus

Mode and duration

1.5 years full-time or
3 years part-time

Midyear places may be available.

International students can only study full-time.

Exit points

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

RMIT program code: GD015

CRICOS code: 038974K

1 year full-time or

2 years part-time

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www.rmit.edu.au/programs/international

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc022

The *Master of Midwifery* is designed to further develop your skills in leadership, practice, research and scholarship in the discipline of midwifery.

Advanced standing

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) and credit transfer are ways that RMIT recognises applicants' skills and knowledge gained through formal and informal education and training, work experience, and/or life experience (including volunteer work, committee responsibilities, family duties, hobbies).

Pathway

Credits may be granted for courses passed in other tertiary-level programs.

Career outlook

Successful completion of the program will allow graduates be leaders in midwifery practice, research and scholarship.

Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a midwife. In addition, you may apply for membership of academic and midwifery professional bodies.

Please note that the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Applicants must normally be endorsed to practice midwifery in Australia.

To undertake option B: minor thesis, you must successfully complete the graduate diploma program at RMIT with a grade point average (GPA) of 75% and a grade of 75% on the postgraduate research course.

If you achieve a GPA of less than 75% you must undertake option A: project.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

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International full fee-paying students

2012: A\$18 240 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 13 for further information.

What you will study

Across the degree you will complete a project or minor thesis under the supervision of an experienced supervisor.

The project or minor thesis is examined by two examiners one of whom is external to RMIT. The project consists of 5 000 to 6 000 words and the minor thesis reports and presentations, 10 000 to 15 000 words.

The master consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates graduate diploma (96 credit points).

The following is an example of courses offered.

Coursework

Credit points

- » Breastfeeding and human lactation 12
- » Family studies 12
- » Midwifery 1, 2, 3 & 4 48
- » Research in health care 12
- » Trends and issues in midwifery 12

Select one option

Option A

- » Project 24

Select two courses

- » Birth in different cultures 12
- » Clinical teaching in nursing practice 12
- » Introduction to complementary therapies in midwifery 12
- » Quality improvement for nursing 12

Option B

Select 48 credit points

- » Minor thesis (full-time mode) 48
- » Minor thesis A & B (part-time mode) 48

Note: At a minimum, 72 credit points of the master program must be completed at RMIT University even if you have completed a graduate diploma or equivalent at another university.

HOW TO APPLY

■ Coursework degrees

Direct application

Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

Timely applications for coursework programs are due by:

- » 10 November each year (Semester 1) and
- » 31 May each year (midyear Semester 2).

Midyear applications open 1 May www.rmit.edu.au/midyear

Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Supplementary information forms

Some postgraduate programs require applicants to complete a supplementary information form in addition to the direct application form.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/forms

■ Research degrees

Entrance requirements

There are minimum entry requirements for master by research and doctoral degrees. Due to strong competition for places, preference may be given to applicants with more than the minimum requirements.

All applicants need to find a supervisor with similar research interests as themselves and discuss a research project proposal with them. The research proposal must be included in your application.

Refer to contact details under each program or

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch/searchsupervisors

Master

A first degree from RMIT with at least a credit average in the final year; or a qualification deemed equivalent by RMIT to a first degree from RMIT with at least a credit average in the final year; or evidence of experience which satisfies RMIT that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study sufficient to undertake the proposed degree.

Note: Some degrees may require evidence of other qualifications or experience. Refer to the contact listed under individual degree entries before applying.

PhD

A degree of master by research from RMIT; or a degree of master by coursework from RMIT which includes a research component with a duration of at least one semester full-time (or part-time equivalent); or a bachelor degree from RMIT with first class honours or upper second class honours (or another award as deemed equivalent); and such qualifications or experience as RMIT considers appropriate.

Note: Some programs may require evidence of other qualifications or experience. Refer to the contact listed under individual program entries before applying.

Applying

Application for candidature involves three steps. A brief outline is below. Contact the School of Graduate Research for detailed information.

1. Find a program and confirm eligibility

The entry requirements for each program are listed in this publication. To discuss your eligibility, contact the RMIT staff member listed under individual program entries.

2. Seek academic advice

Once you have decided on the higher degree by research (HDR) you are interested in, you should discuss potential research topics, the availability of suitable supervisors, and an initial research proposal directly with your prospective supervisors and/or with the HDR coordinator in the relevant School.

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch/searchsupervisors

3. Complete and submit the application form and supporting documents

If you fit one of the following categories of applicants for higher degree by research places and key scholarship(s), then you can apply through the School of Graduate Research:

- » Australian Citizens
- » Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens
- » Offshore International Students—you will be studying outside of Australia and do not fall into any of the above categories.

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch/application

All other applicants are considered Onshore International Applicants and must apply through RMIT's International Services division.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/international

International/non-Australian residents

For the latest application procedures, please refer to our website:

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/international

MONEY MATTERS

■ Coursework degrees

What you pay will depend on whether you are offered a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) or a full-fee place. Financial assistance is available for eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Full-fee place

Full-fee students are required to pay the complete cost of their program. The fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. They are listed under each program in this booklet.

FEE-HELP

Australian citizens or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa are eligible to apply for a FEE-HELP loan for full-fee places. FEE-HELP enables eligible students to obtain a loan from the Australian Government to pay all or part of their tuition fees. The Government pays the amount of the loan directly to the student's institution. Students repay their loan through the taxation system once their income reaches the minimum threshold for compulsory repayment.

www.goingtouni.gov.au

Commonwealth supported places (CSP)

A Commonwealth supported place (CSP) is a place at uni where the fee is subsidised by the Australian Government. Your share of the fee is calculated according to the interest area you are studying. The following table shows a student's annual share of the fee for full-time study in 2012.

Your interest area:	Mathematics, science, statistics	Your student contribution for full-time studies commenced in 2012:	\$4520 p.a.
	Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing		\$5648 p.a. (Band 1)
	Computing, built environment, allied health, other health, engineering, surveying, agriculture		\$8050 p.a. (Band 2)
	Accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, law, veterinary science		\$9425 p.a. (Band 3)

Students who undertake more or less than a full-time study load, or who study courses from a combination of the above categories, will be charged the proportionate student contribution.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

Confirmation of fees for 2012 can be obtained from Info Corner on tel. 03 9925 2260.

Postgraduate Coursework Commonwealth Supported Equity Places

RMIT has a limited number of Commonwealth supported places (CSP) in postgraduate coursework programs for applicants who meet entrance and equity criteria. Instead of paying full-fees, the CSP equity place allows eligible students to complete their program with a choice of up-front, partial up-front or deferred payment options. These places are available in any program.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/equity

■ Research degrees

If you are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen you may be eligible for a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) place where your tuition costs are funded by the Australian Government and you therefore have full exemption from tuition fees.

RMIT also offers research places on a fee-paying basis. For more information on fee-paying places please contact the relevant RMIT school to which you are applying. Program fees may vary according to the courses chosen and fees are invoiced on a semester basis.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

Acceptance in a HDR place is very competitive and places are granted on the condition that you meet annual progress requirements and complete within the allotted time for your program and your status as a part-time or full-time candidate.

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch

Material fees

In addition to tuition fees, you may be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips and excursions, specified textbooks and equipment. These fees are not compulsory and students may choose to purchase these items independently. These expenses vary from program to program. Please check individual program brochures or contact the relevant school directly.

Annual increase of full-fees

RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees on an annual basis by an amount that will not exceed 7.5% each year (subject to rounding). For higher education fees, tuition fees are rounded up to the nearest \$10 per credit point increment, and so the actual fee increase may exceed 7.5%.

Financial assistance

Scholarships

Various scholarship opportunities exist for eligible master and PhD students. For scholarship details and eligibility criteria, visit www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships.

Income tax deductions

Australian students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. Students should check with an accredited taxation accountant/consultant as to their eligibility for possible deductions. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website may also be useful. For further information, visit www.ato.gov.au

International/non-Australian residents only

For the latest fee information, please refer to our website: www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/programfees.asp

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