




College of Healthcare Sciences

# Nursing and Midwifery

Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT HANDBOOK**





Professional experience placement is an integral component of the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery (GDMid) course and the intent is to meet the NMBA National Midwife Standards for Practice (2018) for registration as a midwife





NS5133  
Healthy Labour, Birth and the  
Puerperium

NS5134

NS5135  
Complex Midwifery Care

3 The student must secure a minimum of a 0.4 FTE clinical placement in either a paid model or unpaid/

NS5225  
Care of the at risk newborn

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NS5201  
Research Design : Theory and  
Application (also offered in SP2)

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1:1 basis for a particular period of time until the student is proficient enough to work under the RM's indirect supervision.

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Whilst on professional experience placement the university is able to offer the student support through:

1. The clinical supervisor/preceptor attached to the professional experience placement.
2. The GDMid Course Coordinator, mobile: 0407116894 offices: 4781 5445
3. The Subject Coordinator
4. Student Services e.g.: Counseling services, Accessibility service, Chaplaincy

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The University has binding agreements with all the facilities and organisations that provide clinical placements.



3. Retain a copy of this form and any relevant documentation to take with you if any further assessment is required.

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N.B Some facilities e.g Torres & Cape HHS require all students to have further testing. You will be advised by your placement coordinator if this is required.

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If you are undertaking your midwifery placement in the facility where you are employed as a Registered Nurse, you are able to submit your hospital generated BLS competency certificate.

If you are undertaking your midwifery placement in facility different to your place of employment, you must complete a nationally accredited CPR course under course code HLTAID001 or HLTAID009 provided by a registered training organisation and submit your certificate as proof of course completion.

it is important that they notify and supply documentation to the GDMid Course Coordinator. This is for the student's own safety to successfully complete the PEP. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Students, who will be more than 32 weeks pregnant at their allocated placement time, must contact the GDMid Course Coordinator by phone or email as early as possible. If amenities for breast feeding are required, students should contact the midwifery supervisor at the clinical facility or the GDMid Course Coordinator who will liaise with the individual facility one (1) month prior to placement.

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*Identification*

Clinical facility identification badge worn on uniform.

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If students are not required to wear clinical facility uniform during continuity of care experiences or working in Birth Centre or Midwifery Group Practice:




Students who have frequent absences or absence without supporting documentation throughout the program will be required to attend a meeting with the GDMid Course Coordinator. The student will be counselled and advised of the course of action to be taken for their frequent absence from clinical. The student will be required to attend further clinical placement for the cumulative absence from the program.

Students who miss PEP without appropriate documentary evidence may attract a FAIL (N) grade for the subject overall.

Any extenuating circumstances involving clinical placement will be referred to the GDMid Course Coordinator and/or facility Midwifery Educator.

Send documentation to:

Graduate Diploma Midwifery Coordinator  
Nursing, and Midwifery,  
James Cook University  
Townsville, Qld. 4814.



You are expected to maintain safe practice in the workplace, by using the ergonomic, infection control and safety precautions taught in your course subjects, however, despite these precautions, at times accidents will occur. In the unlikely event of your sustaining an injury/accident within the clinical facility while performing the duties of your professional experience placement, you need to do the following:

Notify your Midwifery Educator/Supervisor/Preceptor immediately