



# MIDWIFERY

University courses - Victoria

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# Introduction

This document has been developed to assist Year 10 - 12 students and their families in researching midwifery courses in Victoria. Please check university websites for up-to-date information.

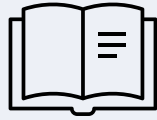
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## Indicative ATAR

Please use indicative ATARs and selection ranks as a guide as they may change for future intakes.



## English prerequisite

EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature. Nursing and midwifery applicants will need to meet [minimum English language requirements](#).



## Undergraduate

This is usually your first course at university. For example - bachelor's degree.



## Graduate

This is study you do once you have graduated from a bachelor's degree. For example - Graduate Diploma.

# How to become a midwife



## WHAT IS A MIDWIFE?

A midwife is a healthcare professional who provides support and care to women during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. They help women with various aspects of childbirth, including monitoring their health, providing education and counselling, assisting with labour and delivery, and ensuring the health of the mother and baby after birth. Midwives also provide emotional and practical support to new mothers and their families.

## WHY MIDWIVES ARE AMAZING

Midwives are amazing because they provide compassionate and comprehensive care to women throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. They play a crucial role in ensuring the health and well-being of both mother and baby, and often act as advocates for their patients. Midwives bring a unique combination of medical expertise and emotional support, making them highly valued and respected members of the healthcare team.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO CONSIDER

Midwives face various risks in their job, including exposure to infectious diseases and psychological trauma. They work long hours, often on-call, and face the risk of burnout and compassion fatigue. Midwives may also face difficult situations, such as foetal distress or maternal haemorrhage, which require quick thinking and decision-making under pressure.

## STUDYING MIDWIFERY

To be eligible to study midwifery at university applicants will need to:

- Meet academic and English language requirements
- Meet inherent requirements

To be eligible to participate in clinical placements, students will need to obtain:

- Police Record Check
- Working with Children Check
- First Aid/CPR
- Immunisation and testing for blood born viruses.

Students will be required to pay for their own transport and accommodation when travelling to participate in clinical placements.

## EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Future growth is very strong. Check up to date info on [Labour Market Insights](#) and research jobs on [seek.com](#).

## EXCELLENT WEBSITE

Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia,  
[www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)

# What ATAR will I need?

When it comes to the ATAR, there are three ways you can gain direct entry into an undergraduate entry midwifery degree in Victoria – achieving a selection rank above the lowest rank for the relevant intake, achieving above the guaranteed ATAR, or receiving a place in the ACU Guarantee program.

## SELECTION RANK

Universities use the 'selection rank' when assessing course applications.

The selection rank is your ATAR plus any adjustment factors taken into consideration by the university (e.g., equity and academic adjustments).

Adjustment factors are added to your combined study scores (VCE aggregate) and your ATAR is re-ranked.

Your selection rank will be different for each course at each university as each institute uses their own adjustment programs.

You won't know what your selection rank is, but you'll need to achieve a rank above the 'lowest selection rank' for the relevant intake year.

Learn about the selection rank and ATAR profiles via this [video](#).

## GUARANTEED ATAR

The following universities have a 'guaranteed ATAR' program.

The guaranteed ATARs for midwifery listed below are relevant for the 2024 intake and may change for the 2025 intake.

### La Trobe University

#### Aspire Community Contribution Program

Melbourne campus – 70

Bendigo campus – 70

Bendigo campus

(Regional Entry Program) – 50

#### Regional Benefits Program\*

Bendigo campus – 80

### Federation University

#### Early Offer Program

All campuses – 75

### Monash University

#### Monash Guarantee program \*

Peninsula campus – 80

\*Note – these programs are only available to eligible applicants.

## NO ATAR

Australian Catholic University offers the Bachelor of Midwifery at the Melbourne campus.

They have an early entry program called '[ACU Guarantee](#)'. Successful applicants can receive a conditional 'ATAR free' offer for the course through this program.

The University calculates a selection rank using your Year 11 grades. The selection rank can be boosted through providing up to three personal statements.

The conditions of the early offer program are successfully completing Year 12, achieving course prerequisites, and ordering your VTAC preferences correctly.

Applications open 22 July and close 16 September 2024.

# Course summary

This page lists the midwifery courses you can apply for at Victorian universities.  
The rest of the document will give information about the courses at each university.

## LA (Lowest ATAR)

Lowest ATAR to receive entry into the course excluding any adjustment factors for the 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

## LSR (Lowest Selection Rank)

Lowest selection rank inclusive of ATAR + adjustment factors to receive entry into the course for the 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

## L/N

Lowest ATAR for the 2024 January intake not published.

## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

University	Course	Campus	LA	LSR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Melbourne	67.00	80.00
		Bendigo	60.50	74.00
	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Regional Entry)	Bendigo	63.00	76.90
	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (First Nations Australian Entry)	Bendigo	L/N	L/N
Deakin University	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Melbourne Burwood	78.85	88.00
		Geelong Waterfront	70.30	82.30
		Warrnambool	66.30	78.30
Federation University	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Blended Learning Delivery: Ballarat – Mt Helen	51.50	61.45
		Blended Learning Delivery: Gippsland	51.45	62.40
Victoria University	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	St Albans	55.80	70.10
Australian Catholic University	Bachelor of Midwifery	Melbourne	74.05	80.05
Monash University	Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours)	Peninsula	73.35	82.90

## GRADUATE ENTRY COURSES

University	Course	Campus
La Trobe University	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	Melbourne & Bendigo
Deakin University	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	Online
Federation University	Graduate Diploma of Midwifery	Gippsland – Churchill Ballarat – Mt Helen Gippsland – Churchill

# LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Gain a rich understanding of the pregnancy journey, professional standards and models of care, including woman-centred care and the continuity of care model unique to midwifery.

Play an active role as the primary attendant in childbirth, including care in the first stages of labour and postnatal examination.

Prepare to step into employment once you graduate after 1,600 hours of nursing and midwifery clinical placements with our partners.

Learn hands-on from leading clinicians in our state-of-the-art simulation labs.

Graduate ready to apply to become a registered midwife (RM) and registered nurse (RN).

International clinical opportunities in Sweden, Denmark, and Nepal.



Melbourne students can undertake placements in leading Victorian hospitals including: The Alfred, The Austin, Royal Melbourne, The Northern, Mercy Hospital for Women, and The Women's. Regional students will undertake placements at a selection of our 100+ health industry partners. These include Albury Wodonga Health, Bendigo Health, Goulburn Valley Health, Mildura Hospital, and a selection of specialist high acuity settings.

## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

### Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

Throughout this four-year course, you will complete placements for both nursing and midwifery in a range of metropolitan, rural and interstate settings, and have the chance to study overseas. You will complete over 1,800 hours of placements in a clinical setting. These rotations give you first-hand experience of what it's really like to work as a midwife and nurse, so you'll graduate career ready.

## GRADUATE ENTRY

### Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

La Trobe also offers an accredited Midwifery qualification at the graduate level. Below is the entry pathway:

#### Step 1

Complete the Bachelor of Nursing and register as a Division 1 nurse with AHPRA.

#### Step 2

Complete at least 1 year of post-registration acute medical/surgical nursing or have industry experience.

#### Step 3

Secure a clinical place at an approved clinical midwifery agency and complete the 1-year Graduate Diploma of Midwifery.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery is undergoing accreditation by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). Graduates of the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery may be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA). The Graduate Diploma in Midwifery is accredited by the ANMAC.

## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

### FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIAN ENTRY

This is an alternative entry program into the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery for applicants who are First Nations Australian. Choose the 'First Nation Australian' tagged course via VTAC.

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## COURSE INFORMATION

[Click here](#)

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne Bendigo
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Regional Entry)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English. Must reside in an RA2 – RA5 area.	Bendigo
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (First Nations Australian Entry)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English. Applicants may be required to attend an interview.	Bendigo

## PATHWAY

The following is an example of a pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery.

### STEP 1: Bachelor of Nursing

Complete the first year of the Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-Registration) at La Trobe University.

### STEP 2: Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

Apply for the combined degree and use your Weighted Average Mark (WAM) for entry into first year. You may receive some advanced standing.

## SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, La Trobe will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 72.5. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following. Note – if you're eligible for multiple initiatives, the maximum aggregate adjustments you can receive is 20.

### Subject adjustments

Applicants can receive a maximum of 12 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were: Health And Human Development, any LOTE, any Mathematics, Physical Education or any Science. Adjustments for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

### Priority Access Program

A maximum of 15 adjustment factors are awarded to applicants who fall within any of the following categories: priority school (5), priority campus (5), regional school (5).

Read about the program [here](#). Note – the Priority Access Program is undergoing a review for the 2025 intake.

### Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive a maximum of 20 adjustment factors for disadvantage that has impacted their education. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July – 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences.

### Elite Athlete ATAR Adjustment

Applicants can receive up to 5 aggregate adjustments. Click [here](#) for information.

### Rural and Regional Student Access Scheme (RRSAS)

Students residing in an area classified as RA2 or higher are eligible for the following adjustments:

Regional students applying to courses at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus will receive 5 aggregate points. Regional students applying to courses at Bendigo, Albury Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton will receive 10 aggregate points.

## GUARANTEED ATAR PROGRAMS

The following programs provide a guaranteed ATAR for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery. Note: the ATARs listed below are relevant for the 2024 intake and may change for the 2025 intake.

### La Trobe Aspire Early Entry Program

Applications for the [Community Contribution](#) stream of the Aspire Early Entry program will open on 15 April and close on 6 September 2024. Selection is based on a statement about your community service, volunteering, or leadership. Successful applicants will unlock the following 'Aspire ATARs' for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery.

Melbourne campus: 70  
Bendigo: 70  
Bendigo (Regional Entry Program): 50

### Regional Benefits Program

This [program](#) is for students who study at a regional school and is applicable to the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery Combined degree at the Bendigo campus. The guaranteed ATAR is 80.

## FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

### Semester 1

Human Biosciences A  
Professional Practice in Nursing One  
Professional Studies in Nursing  
Midwifery, Nursing and Health Care  
Contexts.

### Semester 2

Human Biosciences B  
Professional Practice in Nursing Two  
Foundations of Pregnancy Care.



# DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waterfront, Warrnambool.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery at Deakin is one of the largest in Australia.

Research at the school is conducted through our Centre for Quality and Patient Safety Research – and in partnership with several major healthcare providers

Courses are fully accredited.

Over 94% of students employed soon after graduating

Gain international perspectives through overseas study.

Deakin's School of Nursing and Midwifery is ranked in the top 1% of universities globally (2018 QS World University Rankings).

Deakin's School of Nursing and Midwifery is ranked in the top two universities in Victoria for nursing and top 5 in Australia.

Top 29 for nursing worldwide.



Immerse yourself in the future of midwifery at Deakin. Our midwifery courses are tailored to address the latest in industry trends and demands with world-class teachers and facilities. You'll be able to gain practical skills both on campus and in the real world with our clinical simulation centres and industry placements. Practise your skills in our safe yet realistic simulation environment, then apply them in the field when working at one our many healthcare partners across Victoria.

## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

### Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

Deakin's Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery course provides the knowledge, skills, and ethical understanding you need to become a successful registered nurse and midwife– launching you into a career where you can make a real difference.

This course prepares you to provide both high quality woman-centred midwifery care and patient-centred nursing care. Midwives play an invaluable role in supporting women across the continuum of pregnancy, labour and birth and the first weeks following birth.

Clinical placements begin in Trimester 1 of your first year and continue throughout every trimester of the course with a total of over 40 weeks duration.

## GRADUATE ENTRY

### Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

Deakin also offers an accredited Midwifery qualification at the graduate level. Below is the entry pathway:

#### Step 1: meet academic requirements.

Complete a Bachelor of Nursing and register as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia with no conditions or restrictions. Meet English Language proficiency requirements.

#### Step 2: non academic requirements

Have evidence of secure, ongoing employment or clinical placement support in a maternity setting with a partner hospital.

#### Step 3

Complete the 1.5-year online Graduate Diploma of Midwifery in conjunction with paid employment in a collaborating hospital.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery and the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery are accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

### FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

#### Semester 1

Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology  
Evidence Based Practice  
Quality and Safety: Nursing Practice 1  
Quality and Safety in Health Care 1

#### Semester 2

Care of the Child and Adolescent  
Person-Centred Health Assessment  
Quality and Safety: Nursing Practice 2  
Partnerships in Midwifery 1: Pregnancy Care

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool



## PATHWAY EXAMPLES

The following is a pathway option if you haven't met the requirements for direct entry into the course.

### Via an enrolled nursing pathway

#### STEP 1: Diploma of Nursing

Complete the 2-year Diploma of Nursing at one of the following Deakin partner RTOs:

Bendigo TAFE  
Box Hill Institute  
Chisholm Institute  
Kangan Institute  
TAFE NSW  
South West TAFE  
The Gordon.

#### STEP 2: Register

Register as an Enrolled Nurse/Division 2 Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

#### STEP 3: Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

Apply for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery.

## SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, Deakin will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 72. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following.

### Subject Bonus Points

Applicants can receive up to 12 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were Biology, any English, Health And Human Development or any Mathematics. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

### Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive adjustment points for short or long-term disadvantage. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July – 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences. Examples of adjustments and the maximum aggregate include:

#### Category 1: Personal Information and Location

- Indigenous applicants: 15
- Regional or remote student: 10
- Under-represented school: 10
- Non-English speaking background: 5

#### Category 2: Financial Disadvantage

- Up to 10 adjustments

#### Category 3: Disability or Medical Condition

- Up to 10 adjustments

#### Category 4: Difficult Circumstances

- 2019/2020 bushfires: up to 10 adjustments
- Other difficult circumstances: up to 10 adjustments.

### Elite Athlete and Performers Adjustment Scheme

Eligible applicants will receive up to 5 adjustment points. Click [here](#) for information.

### Under-represented Discipline

Men applying for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery are eligible to receive additional consideration.

## EARLY ENTRY

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery isn't eligible for early entry at Deakin.

## EXAMPLE

### Meet Jade

Jade wants to maximise her chances of getting an offer for the Bachelor of Nursing/ Bachelor of Midwifery at Deakin so she does the following:

#### Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)

She formally applies for the course via VTAC and places the Diploma of Nursing at Box Hill TAFE as a backup course in her preferences. Applications open 29 July 2024. She completes the Nursing and Midwifery English Language form in her VTAC account.

#### Special Education Access Scheme (SEAS)

She completes an application for SEAS via VTAC so she is eligible for equity adjustments towards her selection rank. She is eligible for Category 1 (Personal Information and Location) and Category 4 (Difficult Circumstances). She uploads a supporting statement from a teacher at her school as evidence for Category 4.

#### Elite Athlete and Performers Adjustment Scheme

She applies for this scheme and uploads evidence of her elite athlete status. Her application is successful and she is eligible for 5 adjustment points towards her selection rank.

### Outcome

Jade received a competitive ATAR and met the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery. Her selection rank was higher than the lowest rank for the December round and she received a formal offer for the course via VTAC.

# FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate and graduate entry options.

Courses are fully accredited.

Partnerships with over 200 clinical agencies.



## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

### Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

This combined degree will prepare graduates as a nurse and midwife, eligible for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), with the ability to practice both nationally and internationally.

Exposure to a wide variety of perspectives and environments in addition to small class sizes, will allow you to explore, develop and apply a host of transferable skills in communication, research, problem solving and critical required for evaluating evidence for best practice in any healthcare setting.

This program requires a total of 1536 placement hours, across 208 weeks.

## GRADUATE ENTRY

### Graduate Diploma of Midwifery

FedUni also offers an accredited Midwifery qualification at the graduate level. Below is the entry pathway:

#### Step 1

Complete the Bachelor of Nursing and register as a Registered Nurse with AHPRA.

#### Step 2

Complete at least one year's recent post-registration acute medical/surgical nursing experience.

#### Step 3

Apply for the 1-year Graduate Diploma of Midwifery and submit the 'essential requirements' form. Meet course and English language requirements.

#### Step 4

Complete the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery and gain clinical experience through the 'Employment Model' or the 'Supernumerary Model'. Click [here](#) for information.

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery and the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery are accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

### BLENDED DELIVERY

Domestic students will mostly study online but will be on campus for intensive blocks each semester.

### HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Minimum study score of 25 in any English.	Blended Learning Delivery: Ballarat – Mt Helen Blended Learning Delivery: Gippsland

## PATHWAYS

The following is a pathway option if you haven't met the requirements for direct entry into the course.

### Via an enrolled nursing pathway

#### STEP 1: Diploma of Nursing

Complete the 2-year Diploma of Nursing at Federation University or Gippsland TAFE.

#### STEP 2: Register

Register to become an accredited Enrolled Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

#### STEP 3: Bachelor of Nursing

Apply for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery at Federation University.

## SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, FedUni will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 68. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following.

### Subject adjustments

Applicants can receive up to 5 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were: Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics and Physics. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

### Access and Equity Scheme

Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). Applicants apply for SEAS after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences. Across the four SEAS categories Federation University will award a maximum adjustment of 15 aggregate points per applicant. Applications will open between 29 July – 11 October 2024.

The following are examples of adjustments and the maximum aggregate per category:

#### Category 1: Personal Information and Location

- Indigenous applicants: 15
- Living or school postcode: 10
- Under-represented school: 10
- First in family to attend uni: 5
- Non-English speaking background: 5

#### Category 2: Financial Disadvantage

- Up to 10 adjustments

#### Category 3: Disability or Medical Condition

- Up to 10 adjustments

#### Category 4: Difficult Circumstances

- Up to 10 adjustments.

## GUARANTEED ATAR

The [guaranteed ATAR](#) for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery at Federation University is 75.

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Applications for the [Early Offer](#) program are now open and will close on 1 December. Selection is based on an online application. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to the course.

To receive a formal offer, applicants will need to complete Year 12, meet course prerequisites, achieve an ATAR of at least 75, and preference the course in their VTAC account correctly.

## FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

### Semester 1

Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professionals 1.  
Communication for Health Professionals Introduction to Midwifery.  
Nursing Practice 1: Introduction to Person-Centred Nursing Practice.  
Nursing Context 3: Professional, Legal, Ethical, Decision-Making in Person Centred Care.

### Semester 2

Anatomy & Physiology for Health Professionals 2.  
Midwifery Practice Foundations.  
Primary Health 1: Determinates of Health.  
Nursing Practice 2: Nursing Assessment and Management.



# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Courses are fully accredited.

Partnerships with over 200 clinical agencies.

25% of course spent in clinical placements.

Strong partnerships with Western Health and Werribee Mercy Hospital.

Our midwifery courses are delivered by the College of Health & Biomedicine. Research is undertaken by the Institute for Health & Sport.

You'll meet and follow at least 10 pregnant women through pregnancy, childbirth, and post-birth.



At Victoria University (VU), we want you to follow your passion and excel in the industry you've always dreamed of. We're one of Australia's most industry-connected institutions and are one of the top 2% of universities in the world. You'll learn from leading industry professionals who combine theory with practice to prepare you for your career from day one.

## BACHELOR OF NURSING / BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

Our double degree in midwifery and nursing gives you the knowledge and skills for two distinct, in-demand professions. During your Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Nursing degree, you'll acquire practical skills for each profession – and the healthcare knowledge common to both.

You'll practise your new skills in a safe environment on campus, using technology that simulates patient care. You'll also undertake many weeks of supported clinical practice, working with real patients. By the time you graduate, you'll be work-ready – with genuine experience caring for women through pregnancy, childbirth, and post-birth.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

You'll graduate career-ready, having spent 25 per cent of your course working in clinical placements. We have practical nursing-placement opportunities in over 200 clinical venues. Our strong partnerships with Western Health and Werribee Mercy Hospital give you access to acute teaching and training hospitals for nursing and midwifery students.

## LOCATION

You will study at St Albans Campus for the first two years, and at the Sunshine Clinical School for years 3-4.

## VU MOONDANI BALLUK ABORIGINAL ADMISSION PROGRAM

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students may be able to apply for the Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery via this [program](#). Fill out the application form [here](#) and Moondani Balluk staff will contact you with information.

## VU BLOCK MODEL

[VU Block Model](#): revolutionary way of learning and teaching unique to VU,

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). When you graduate, you'll be eligible to register with the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#) to practise as a registered nurse and registered midwife in the Australian healthcare system.

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#)

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	A study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, plus a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics or Psychology.	St Albans

## PATHWAYS

The following are two examples of pathways into the Bachelor of Midwifery / Bachelor of Nursing.

### Via the Victoria University Polytechnic

#### STEP 1: Diploma of Nursing

Complete the 2-year Diploma of Nursing at Victoria University Polytechnic.

#### STEP 2: Register

Register to become an accredited Enrolled Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

#### STEP 3: Bachelor of Nursing

Apply for the Bachelor of Midwifery / Bachelor of Nursing.

### Via higher education studies

#### STEP 1: higher education studies

Complete at least one semester of an Australian Higher Education award (or equivalent) in Health Science or Nursing.

Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee entry into this course. An equivalent ATAR must be satisfied and will be based on your past academic performance in Higher Education studies, VET studies and in some instances, your past Year 12 studies if still relevant.

#### STEP 3: Bachelor of Nursing

Apply for the Bachelor of Midwifery / Bachelor of Nursing. You must meet the English language prerequisite.

## SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, Victoria University will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following. Note - if you're eligible for multiple initiatives, the maximum aggregate adjustments you can be awarded is 20.

### Subject adjustments

Applicants can receive up to 20 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were: English as an Additional Language (EAL), English other than EAL, Biology, Chemistry, Health & Human Development, any Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

### Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive adjustment points for short or long-term disadvantage. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July - 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences.

### Under-represented Discipline

Men applying for the Bachelor of Midwifery / Bachelor of Nursing are eligible to receive additional consideration. Apply via SEAS and tick yes for Category 1.

### Location adjustment

Applicants may receive adjustments based on their location or where they went to school. Apply via SEAS and tick yes for Category 1.

### Elite Athlete ATAR Adjustment

Applicants can receive up to 5 aggregate adjustments. Click [here](#) for information.

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Applications for the [VU Guaranteed](#) program will open later in the year. Selection is based on answers to four questions. Successful applicants will receive 5 aggregate adjustments towards the Bachelor of Midwifery / Bachelor of Nursing.

## FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

### Semester 1

The Professional Nurse and Midwife  
Anatomy and Physiology 1  
Foundations in Nursing 1  
Foundations of Midwifery

### Semester 2

Primary Health Care Across the Lifespan  
Anatomy and Physiology 2  
Fundamentals of Midwifery and Nursing  
Midwifery and Nursing Professional  
Practice Experience.

# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Melbourne, 3-years full time.

Bachelor of Midwifery students will do over 1000 hours of midwifery clinical practice throughout the course in hospital and community settings.

Course is fully accredited.

Ranked equal first for nursing research by ERA

In the top 50 for nursing worldwide by the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

You'll meet and follow at least 10 pregnant women through pregnancy, childbirth, and post-birth.

Hospital partners in Victoria include The Mercy Hospital for Women, Monash Health, The Royal Women's Hospital and St Vincent's Private Hospital.



The Bachelor of Midwifery is for those who want to become registered midwives and work in maternity settings such as hospitals, birth centres and other community agencies.

## BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

This midwifery course will teach you how to:

- manage normal pregnancy and childbirth
- provide effective postnatal, maternal and newborn care to women and their newborn infant
- provide safe and reliable care that meets the individual psychological, emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of women.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Bachelor of Midwifery students will do midwifery clinical practice throughout the course in hospital and community settings.

The students will also engage with a minimum of ten women to follow their pregnancy, labour, birth and postnatal care journey called their Continuity of Care Experiences (CCE).

This experience involves the student recruiting the woman in early pregnancy and attending appointments throughout. If possible, the student attends the labour and birth and follows the woman after discharge home up to six weeks following birth.

## FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

### Semester 1

Indigenous Health and Culture  
Human Biological Science 1  
Evidence for Practice  
Midwifery Professional Practice 1

### Semester 2

Being Human  
Person, Health and Wellbeing  
Midwifery Care of the Pregnant Person  
Midwifery Professional Practice 2.

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PROGRAM

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander through VTAC, you will be invited by ACU to take part in an interview. You may receive an offer based on your potential to succeed. Click [here](#).

## PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Midwifery is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC). Graduates will be eligible to apply for general registration as a midwife with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and practice within Australia.

## HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
Bachelor of Midwifery	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne



## PATHWAY EXAMPLES

The following is an example of a pathway into the Bachelor of Midwifery if you don't meet the requirements for direct entry into the course.

### Via an ACU enabling course

#### STEP 1: University pathway

Complete the 40-week Foundation Studies Program at the ACU Melbourne campus or online. Achieve a GPA of at least 5.2 and meet the English language competency for the Bachelor of Midwifery.

#### STEP 2: Bachelor of Midwifery

Apply for the 3-year Bachelor of Midwifery.

## SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, ACU will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following. Note - if you're eligible for multiple initiatives, the maximum aggregate adjustments you can be awarded is 12.

### ACU Subject Program

Applicants can receive up to 5 adjustment factors for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were Biology, Chemistry, any English, Health And Human Development, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics, and Psychology. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

### Elite Athlete and Performers Program

Eligible applicants will receive up to 5 adjustment factors.

### Schools Relationship Program, Campus Program, and Regional Schools Program

Eligible applicants will receive a maximum of 5 adjustment factors across these three access schemes.

### Special Entry Access Scheme

Applicants can receive adjustment points for short or long-term disadvantage. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July - 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences.

Read about the above programs via this [link](#).

### Youth Ministry

Applicants who studied Youth Ministry in Year 12 at school are eligible for 5 adjustments.

## EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

The [ACU Guarantee](#) is a program that uses an alternative selection rank for entry into most courses.

A selection rank is calculated from your Year 11 academic results and can be boosted by several factors such as completing up to three personal statements and living in a rural/regional area.

Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer for the Bachelor of Midwifery and will no longer require an ATAR or study scores for entry into the course.

To receive a formal offer, applicants will need to complete Year 12, meet course prerequisites, and preference the course in their VTAC account correctly.

Applications for the program will open on 22 July and close on 16 September 2024.

Note: applicants will still need to formally apply for courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre.

# MONASH UNIVERSITY

Nursing ranked number 6 in the world.

Courses are fully accredited.

Undertake clinical placements in Sweden or the UK.

Links to world-class medical researchers and major teaching hospitals.

Founding member of the Psi Zeta at-Large chapter of Sigma.

Research ranking of 4 with the ERA (above world standard).



On completion of the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours) you are eligible to apply for registration as a nurse and midwife – a highly capable individual who is qualified to work in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team in general nursing and midwifery practice settings.

## BACHELOR OF NURSING / BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY (HONOURS)

This joint qualification will make you highly employable in many practice settings, especially rural and remote areas where multi-skilled practitioners are highly valuable.

**As a nursing graduate** you will have acquired the knowledge and skills to be a competent beginning-level registered nurse who can provide leadership and care across the age continuum, with the scope to provide care in clinical environments, including acute care, primary health care and health promotion.

**As a midwifery graduate** you will add to the above capabilities the specialist knowledge to provide care to mothers and babies during pregnancy, labour, birth and the postpartum period, including emergencies.

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Throughout the course, you will connect theory to clinical practice, undertaking clinical experience in diverse settings throughout Victoria and major metropolitan teaching facilities such as Monash Medical Centre, The Alfred, Peninsula Health and others.

### PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Successful completion of the course will lead to eligibility for registration as a registered nurse and a registered midwife, each with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) subject to the graduate also meeting the current MNBA Registration standard: English language skills.

### FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

#### Semester 1

Communication and scholarship in nursing and midwifery.  
Indigenous health and cultural safety in healthcare practice.  
Fundamental skills and knowledge for nursing and midwifery practice 1.

#### Semester 2

Law, ethics and leadership in nursing and midwifery.  
Fundamental skills and knowledge for nursing and midwifery practice 2.  
Introduction to Midwifery.

### HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications will open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

### COURSE INFORMATION

[Click here](#)

Course	Prerequisites	Campus
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.  Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Units 3 and 4: any Mathematics	Peninsula

## PATHWAYS

The following is an example of a pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours).

### Via a higher education pathway

#### STEP 1: tertiary study

Complete at least one semester of full-time study of a recognised university degree with a minimum average mark of 70%.

#### STEP 2: Midwifery

Apply for the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours). Applicants must have completed the VCE subject prerequisites or equivalent university units to be eligible. Admissions to this course is competitive and applicants may need to meet a higher requirement to be offered a place.

## SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

If eligible, Monash will add adjustment factors to your VCE aggregate to recalculate your ATAR and boost your [selection rank](#) for entry into their courses. For example, your ATAR might be 60 but after adjustment factors are added, your selection rank might be 70. Adjustment factors are calculated from initiatives such as the following:

### Subject adjustments

Applicants can receive up to 6 adjustments for high achievement in eligible Units 3 and 4 subjects. In the 2024 intake, the eligible subjects were: Biology, Chemistry, Health & Human Development, any Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology. Eligible subjects for the 2025 intake will be advertised via [VTAC](#) from 29 July 2024.

### Elite Student Athlete and Performer Entry Scheme

Applicants can receive up to 10 ATAR points. Click [here](#) for information.

### Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Applicants can receive adjustment factors for disadvantage that has impacted their education. Applicants can apply for this scheme via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) between 29 July – 11 October 2024 after creating their VTAC account and adding course preferences.

## MONASH GUARANTEE

Applicants eligible for the [Monash Guarantee](#) program will be guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours) with an ATAR of at least 80 (TBC for the 2025 intake), providing they meet entry requirements and preference the course in their VTAC preferences correctly. Applicants apply for the scheme by ticking 'yes' to SEAS Category 1 – Personal Information and Location. Applications will open on 29 July 2024 via VTAC.

## INDIGENOUS ACCESS PROGRAMS

The [Monash Indigenous Access Program \(MIAP\)](#) is a scholarship-funded bridging program designed to prepare students for entry into a variety of undergraduate degrees at Monash University.

The [Indigenous Non-Award Pathway \(INAP\)](#) is the part-time version of MIAP and doesn't have scholarship funding.

For information on eligibility for these programs and how to apply, click [here](#).

