

# Nursing & Midwifery

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## 2024 Course Guide

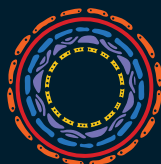
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ECU is committed to reconciliation and supports a Voice to Parliament being enshrined in the Australian Constitution. We recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories. We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.



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top 100 universities  
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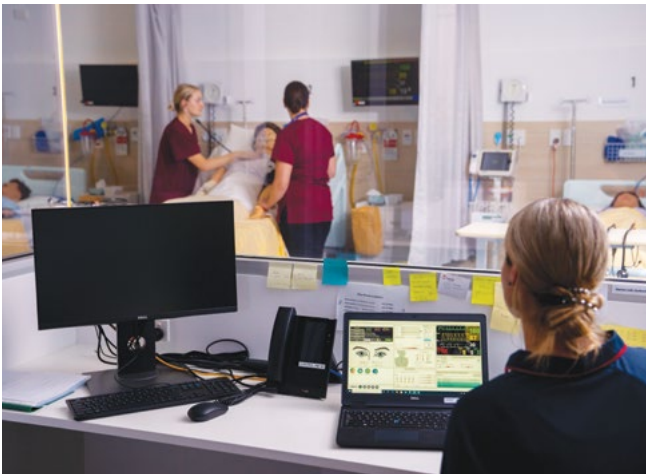


The top public university in Australia  
for undergraduate teaching quality  
for seven years in a row.

# Nursing & Midwifery at ECU

ECU produces some of the highest quality nursing and midwifery graduates in Western Australia, and is recognised as a top 150 nursing program worldwide.

We have dedicated nursing and midwifery courses, including WA's only nursing and midwifery dual degree program. These courses offer an innovative and broad study approach for scenario-based learning. Students are provided with access to state-of-the-art health and wellness facilities featuring simulated practice areas and practicum placements with a range of healthcare providers across Western Australia.



## Why study Nursing & Midwifery at ECU?



WA's only dual Nursing & Midwifery degree



Professionally accredited courses



State-of-the-art facilities



Above world average performance in research



Top 150 nursing program worldwide  
QS World University Subject Ranking 2023



Over 160 placement providers across WA



South West study options

## Inspired to become a nurse

Graduate Nurse Kellie McDiarmid is an inspiration to her family, her community and to mature age students who are still wondering if they can do it.

Having not completed year 10, she didn't even know what an exam was when she started university, as a solo mother of 4.

**"The education and support we received from ECU will enable us to move forward and beyond, implementing and creating change, as future leaders within healthcare."**

Miss McDiarmid, a proud Dieri, Arabana and Kokatha woman from South Australia, and Aboriginal Student Ambassador at ECU, says she was inspired to become a nurse when she lived with her grandmother in a remote outback town.



Read more about what inspired Kellie to become a nurse — [ecu.edu.au/extra/inspired-nurse](https://ecu.edu.au/extra/inspired-nurse)







## Outstanding health and wellness facilities

Our state-of-the-art health and wellness building incorporates high and low fidelity simulated practice wards for both nursing and midwifery that provide a safe, authentic environment for clinical skills development. These provide students with the opportunity for experiential hands-on practice to learn skills in a variety of simulated scenarios, designed to increase the competence and confidence of students. The wards include 66 beds on the Joondalup Campus and 23 beds on the South West Campus that simulate the real world healthcare environment, and dedicated midwifery practice areas.

## Ranked among the best in the world

In the 2023 Good Universities Guide, ECU was ranked the best WA university and second best Australian university for overall education experience in the field of nursing.

ECU was also announced in the latest QS Subject Rankings as being one of the top 150 nursing programs in the world.

## Mums Adopting Midwifery Students (MAMS) Program

To consolidate the theory learnt in the classroom and to understand expectant and new parents' experiences of having a baby, all midwifery students participate in our Mothers Adopting Midwifery Students (MAMS) program. The MAMS program pairs students with pregnant women for their mutual benefit. Students assist throughout the pregnancy all the way through to the first few weeks after childbirth. The program offers invaluable learning opportunities outside of a 'typical' classroom setting, where students can develop both their clinical and interpersonal skills.

## Practical placement partnership programs

Our partnership programs offer nursing and midwifery students the opportunity to undertake the majority of their practical placements in one health service, allowing them access to helpful resources, as well as networking opportunities. These unique partnership programs are available at a range of healthcare facilities, including Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group, North Metropolitan Health Service Mental Health, Ramsay Health Care and Western Australian Country Health Service.

# Nursing & Midwifery at ECU South West

ECU's nursing and midwifery undergraduate degrees can also be studied at ECU South West.

The upgraded facilities are the most sophisticated in regional Western Australia. They include nursing and midwifery demonstration areas and a high dependency ward. The technology and equipment utilised at ECU South West is the same as that featured at our Joondalup Campus, ensuring that all ECU nursing and midwifery students have access to the same supportive learning environment. We have dedicated staff in the South West to support students on their journey, and we work with regional clinical partners to provide real world experiences in the area. ECU South West provides students with access to amazing facilities as well as personalised classes.

## Paid assistant in nursing opportunities

Nursing students at ECU South West are being offered the opportunity to undertake a paid learning experience at St John of God Bunbury Hospital.



Find out more —  
[ecu.edu.au/newsroom/nursing-partnership](https://ecu.edu.au/newsroom/nursing-partnership)



**“The nursing practice facilities at ECU South West are set up like a real-life clinical ward.”**

**Kavan Patel**  
ECU South West Nursing graduate





# Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

Indicative ATAR: 70

**Duration:** 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■		■	
Part-time	■		■	

This course provides a broad knowledge and skill base that will enable students to practice as a registered nurse within the Australian healthcare system. The course is designed to enable graduates to be well prepared to make significant contributions to the outcomes of patients within a diverse range of health care settings.

## Admission Requirements

It is desirable that all applicants have completed study in a science related subject at WACE – general or ATAR level. Applications for this course are not accepted through ECU's Experience Based Entry Scheme.

## Reporting Obligations

Students enrolled in this course are required to be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), see the unit set on our website for more information.

## Clinical or Professional Work Placement

Students are required to successfully complete 800 hours of clinical practice hours as part of this course.

Students enrolled in entry-to-practice programs will be required to travel to professional experience placements in a variety of health services within the region of the campus they are enrolled, and may be required to travel to other regions of Western Australia. Students enrolled at ECU South West will be required to travel to Perth for some clinical placements. Students are responsible for any travel and accommodation related costs. Professional experience placements require rostered shifts covering the 24-hour period, inclusive of weekends and public holidays. Students are expected not to undertake paid employment during a period of full-time professional experience placement, as it is a requirement that students have sufficient breaks between shifts.

There are attendance requirements for this clinical or professional work placement.



### Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

To be eligible to undertake clinical practice and fulfil their duty of care, students are required to complete clinical practice orientation, risk management training and obtain various screening, vaccination and clearances, as appropriate on commencement of the course and in subsequent semesters. A list of these requirements is accessible on the School of Nursing and Midwifery website.

Due to the practical nature of the nursing and midwifery professions and protection of the public, there are inherent requirements applicable to this course that may impact upon the success of some potential students. Applicants and students with a disability or other issue likely to impact on their ability to perform in practice are encouraged to contact the Associate Dean, Work Integrated Learning to discuss their situation.

More information can be found at [www.ecu.edu.au/schools/nursing-and-midwifery/nursing-and-midwifery-clinical-placements](http://www.ecu.edu.au/schools/nursing-and-midwifery/nursing-and-midwifery-clinical-placements)

There are vaccination or other similar requirements that apply to placements, including those imposed by government or third-party placement hosts, which must be completed as a component of this course. Potential students should consider this requirement before enrolling in this course and discuss with the course coordinator if this raises any concerns. Students may not be able to complete placement units if they are unable to meet the placement requirements, which may impact on their ability to complete this course.

Students on clinical or professional work placement must observe professional practice standards and guidelines.

For more information, see course details on our website.

### Professional Recognition

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) have accredited this course.

### Registration

Registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia is required to practice in the profession. Graduates are entitled to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia to practice as a registered nurse.

### Careers

Nurse, Registered Nurse



See more course information —  
[ecu.edu.au/courses/C33](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/C33)



“I cannot recommend the  
amazing atmosphere  
highly enough.”

Emily James  
ECU Nursing graduate

# Bachelor of Science (Nursing) / Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)

Indicative ATAR: 75

**Duration:** 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:	JO	ML	SW	OL
Full-time	■		■	
Part-time	■		■	

This comprehensive course is unique in WA, preparing graduates for flexible career options in dynamic healthcare settings. The course offers an innovative and broad study approach, with graduates ready for entry-level practice in both midwifery and nursing. It provides students with the knowledge and skills to deliver high quality care within the healthcare environment.

## Admission Requirements

Applications for this course are not accepted through ECU's Experience Based Entry Scheme.



**“I got to be part of my first birth experience which was so invaluable to my learning.”**

**Brodie Hibberd**  
ECU Nursing and Midwifery dual degree student

## Reporting Obligations

Students enrolled in this course are required to be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), see the unit set on our website for more information.

## Clinical or Professional Work Placement

Students are required to successfully complete 800 hours of nursing clinical practice hours and a further 720 hours midwifery clinical practice hours. Students are also required to follow ten women throughout their pregnancy journey, this includes being on call to attend them when they give birth.

Students enrolled in entry-to-practice programs will be required to travel to professional experience placements in a variety of health services within the region of the campus they are enrolled and may be required to travel to other regions of Western Australia. Students enrolled at ECU South West will be required to travel to Perth for some clinical placements. Students are responsible for any travel and accommodation related costs. Professional experience placements require rostered shifts covering the 24-hour period, inclusive of weekends and public holidays. Students are expected not to undertake paid employment during a period of full-time professional experience placement, as it is a requirement that students have sufficient breaks between shifts.

There are attendance requirements for this clinical or professional work placement.

## Clearance and/or Risk Management Protocols Required

To be eligible to undertake clinical practice and fulfil their duty of care, students are required to complete clinical practice orientation, risk management training and obtain various screening, vaccination and clearances, as appropriate on commencement of the course and in subsequent semesters. A list of these requirements is accessible on the School of Nursing and Midwifery website.

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Students on clinical or professional work placement must observe professional practice standards and guidelines.

For more information, see course details on our website.





### Professional Recognition

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) have accredited this course.

### Registration

Students will need to graduate to be eligible to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia is required to practice in the profession.

### Non-Standard Timetable

Prospective applicants are advised that there is an 'on call' component to this course. It is a requirement in Australia that midwifery students provide Continuity of Care to ten women throughout the course of their studies; this includes being on call to attend them when they give birth.

### Careers

Midwife, Regional Midwife, Rural Midwife, Remote Midwife, Nurse, Registered Nurse



See more course information – [ecu.edu.au/courses/Y76](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/Y76)

## ECU City

Our new campus in the heart of the Perth CBD will represent the future of university education – urban, connected, integrated with business and community – and part of the lifeblood of a thriving city.

ECU City will seamlessly bring together Creative Industries, Business and Technology to deliver a world-class university campus that reimagines education and transforms the city of Perth.

**ECU City will open to students from 2026.**



To follow the journey, visit [citycampus.ecu.edu.au](https://citycampus.ecu.edu.au)



# Postgraduate Nursing & Midwifery

The School of Nursing and Midwifery offers a comprehensive range of postgraduate courses to enhance the existing skills of nurses and midwives or to enable specialisation in a field of interest.

We also offer higher degree by research courses for those who want to explore specific topics in greater depth, contributing new knowledge to our understanding of healthcare. A range of micro-credentialed short courses are also on offer, please refer to our website for further details.

In this study guide, we've grouped courses into three sections. You can read more about each course by following the web address shown.

## ECU graduates are in demand

Our postgraduate nursing and midwifery graduates are valued by industry and receive great job opportunities. In the 2023 Good Universities Guide, ECU was ranked the top WA university for both postgraduate full-time employment and median salary for the field of nursing.

## Nursing

These courses are designed for nurses wishing to enhance their skillset to provide greater care to communities in Australia, with a range of specialised options to choose from.

### **Graduate Certificate in Care of the Ageing**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/I68](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/I68)

### **Graduate Certificate of Children and Young People's Nursing**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/L84](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/L84)

### **Graduate Certificate in Mental Health**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/L54](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/L54)

### **Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/T88](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/T88)

### **Master of Clinical Nursing**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/I52](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/I52)

### **Master of Nursing**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/J88](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/J88)

### **Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry)**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/J46](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/J46)

### **Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/L88](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/L88)



“Nurse Practitioners  
are the future of  
health care.”

Shane Miller

ECU Nurse Practitioner graduate  
and Flight Nurse with the Royal  
Flying Doctor Service





## Midwifery

These courses are designed for nurses and midwives to extend their scope of practice, boost their confidence in the workforce and to offer support to families and communities around Australia.

### **Graduate Certificate in Midwifery Diagnostics and Prescribing**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/L90](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/L90)

### **Graduate Diploma in Midwifery Practice**

ECU's Graduate Diploma in Midwifery Practice is pending accreditation. For the latest information visit:

[ecu.edu.au/courses/T91](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/T91)



## Research

These courses are designed to support nurses and midwives to undertake research to improve health and well-being through innovations in nursing and midwifery practice.

### **Master of Midwifery (Research)**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/I19](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/I19)

### **Master of Nursing (Research)**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/I67](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/I67)

### **Doctor of Philosophy (PHD)**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/L61](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/L61)

### **Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated)**

[ecu.edu.au/courses/J42](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/J42)

## Midwifery in a rural community

Christian Wright, graduate of ECU's Master of Midwifery Practice, is incredibly passionate about addressing inequality in birthing contexts which has seen him work in isolated communities in Papua New Guinea and Arnhem land. Christian takes pride in his advocacy in empowering women throughout their birthing journey.



Find out more about how Christian is fulfilling his dream of becoming a Midwife in a rural community — [youtu.be/xXlneYKW7M8](https://youtu.be/xXlneYKW7M8)





# Life as a student

It doesn't matter if you've just left high school or you haven't been a student for a few years, study at uni is a whole new world. The good news is, no matter what your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.

## Adjusting to study whatever your situation

At ECU, we'll support you through your studies whatever your personal circumstances. This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation.

It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

Our Access and Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life. They'll also provide ongoing support to you through an individual Learning Access Plan.



## Adjusting to academic life

Learning at university can be a bit daunting to begin with, but we've got you covered whatever help you need.

That includes help with preparing assignments, help with researching or referencing, help with online study and loads more. You even get a peer mentor in your first semester!







## Career advice and job skills

You can get support and resources to help you plan your future career, as well as find work or volunteering experience while you're a student.

This includes career-based workshops, industry events, one-to-one career advice and more.

## Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential psychological counselling service.

## Sports and Gyms

Being physically active positively stimulates your student brain and helps you reduce the stress of assignment deadlines or exams.

So, it's a good thing that our campuses have terrific sports and gym facilities. You can also join group fitness classes, social sports teams or attend regular healthy activities like yoga classes.

## Student health services

The ECU campuses in Joondalup and Mount Lawley have student health centres with doctors (GPs), and nurses to assist you if you need them. The services are covered by Medicare or Overseas Student Health Funds so most visits are free or low cost.



## What pathway can you take into ECU?

If you don't have an ATAR, or you do but got a lower ATAR than expected, you still have pathway options into university courses.

For some of these pathways, you may need to have completed WACE.



Watch a short video on pathways to ECU — [youtu.be/p1UUREajlNI](https://youtu.be/p1UUREajlNI)

### University Preparation courses

This is a pathway we recommend to students who didn't get an ATAR, or didn't get the ATAR they had hoped for. UniPrep courses are free too.

UniPrep is either a standard uni semester course or one of two intensive courses – UniPrep Accelerate for 4 weeks in January and UniPrep Summer from November to January.



Read more about UniPrep — [ecu.edu.au/degrees/uniprep](https://ecu.edu.au/degrees/uniprep)

### Experience Based Entry

If you don't have an ATAR (or had a near-miss) or any VET qualifications, like a Cert IV, this could be your way into university.

You'll need to include a letter telling us about your goals and why you want to go to uni as part of your application, along with references.



Read more about Experience Based Entry — [ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/experience-based-entry-scheme](https://ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/experience-based-entry-scheme)

### Diploma or Cert IV Entry

If you've completed or started a VET course at a TAFE or another training organisation since high school, you might also have a pathway to uni.

If you completed a Diploma or an Advanced Diploma you may be eligible to go straight into an undergraduate course.



To read more about all pathways — [ecu.edu.au/degrees/pathways](https://ecu.edu.au/degrees/pathways)



# How to apply

Application options can vary, depending upon your situation and your chosen pathway.

Australian universities have 4 standard categories that cover student applications.

These are:

- Recent secondary education (typically most school leavers)
- Work and life experience (usually mature age students who've been working)
- Vocational education and training (VET) (think TAFE students)
- Higher education student (people who've got a degree or done a bridging course)

We won't try to explain these in this space, but we suggest you visit our Applying page and see which category is your best fit.

The page also details your different entry requirements and options.

→ Everything about applying is here — [ecu.edu.au/future-students/applying](https://ecu.edu.au/future-students/applying)

If you'd rather talk to us about applying for courses, we'd love to hear from you. Call 134 328 or drop into your nearest ECU campus.



## Become an ECU student in 6 steps

- 1 Choose your course.**  
Consider having a back-up course in case you've applied for a popular course, and it's oversubscribed. You can apply for up to 3 courses at once.
- 2 Check entry requirements.**  
Some courses have special admission or 'inherent' requirements so check these too.
- 3 Check the application date.**  
Don't miss the deadline for your chosen course/s.
- 4 Apply for a scholarship.**  
These are awarded to all kinds of people, not just high achievers. You can do this when you apply for a course.
- 5 Have your paperwork ready.**  
You'll need scanned copies of other qualifications, your résumé or other required paperwork ready to upload.
- 6 Accept your offer.**  
If you're successful, we'll send you an offer of a place. We hope you accept it and become an ECU student!

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