



# Overview of pathways into nursing or midwifery

	Entry requirements →	Education pathway →	Work as	Leads to
High school students, school leavers, and mature age students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN 9 band 8</li> <li>C grades in Year 10 English and Maths</li> <li>Certificate I or II</li> <li>Option to complete as secondary student</li> </ul>	<p><b>Certificate III Individual Support (Aged Care)</b> Duration: 1 semester, 4 to 6 months full time, 120 hours of clinical practice</p> <p><b>Certificate III Health Service Assistance (Assisting in Nursing Work in Acute Care)</b> Duration: 1 semester, 4 to 6 months full time, 80 hours of clinical practice</p>	Assistant in Nursing	Recognition of prior learning used towards entry into a Diploma of Nursing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPLAN 9 band 8</li> <li>C grades in Year 11 English and Maths</li> <li>C grades in Year 11</li> <li>Certificate II or III</li> <li>Option to complete as secondary student</li> </ul>	<p><b>Certificate IV Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies</b> Duration: 1 semester, 6 months full time, no clinical practice</p>	Preparation course only	Recognition of prior learning towards entry into a Diploma of Nursing or a bachelor's degree in nursing or midwifery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WACE general or ATAR C grade completion</li> <li>Certificate III or IV VET course</li> <li>English language proficiency</li> </ul>	<p><b>Diploma of Nursing</b> Duration: 3 semesters, 18 months full time, 400 hours of clinical practice</p>	Enrolled Nurse	Recognition of prior learning used towards a bachelor's degree in nursing or midwifery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WACE ATAR</li> <li>Diploma or Certificate IV VET course</li> <li>English language proficiency</li> <li>University preparation course</li> <li>Partial completion of a bachelor's degree</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bachelor of Nursing</b> Duration: 6 or 7 semesters, 3 or 3.5 years full time, 800 hours of clinical practice</p>	Registered Nurse	
		<p><b>Bachelor of Midwifery</b> Duration: 6 semesters, 3 years full time, 1000 hours of clinical practice, plus 10 women to follow through pregnancy</p>	Midwife	
		<p><b>Bachelor of Science (Nursing) and (Midwifery) – dual degree</b> Duration: 8 semesters, 4 years full time, 800 hours of nursing and 720 hours of midwifery clinical practice, plus 10 women to follow through pregnancy</p>	Registered Nurse/Midwife	
Graduate students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possession of a bachelor's or master's degree</li> <li>Tertiary level unit in human biology or a health science preparation course</li> <li>English language proficiency</li> </ul>	<p><b>Master of Nursing (Graduate entry)</b> Duration: 4 semesters, 2 years full time, 800 hours clinical practice</p>	Registered Nurse	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possession of a bachelor's or master's degree</li> <li>Tertiary level unit in human biology or a health science preparation course</li> <li>English language proficiency</li> </ul>	<p><b>Masters of Midwifery (Graduate entry)</b> Duration: 4 semesters, 2 years full time, 1000 hours clinical practice, plus 10 women to follow through pregnancy</p>	Midwife	