

THE GEELONG HOSPITAL

As the acute care facility of Barwon Health, The Geelong Hospital is the major provider of health services to the 350,000 people of Greater Geelong & the 500,000 people of the Barwon South-Western region. The hospital has 360 beds.

Our range of services is among the most comprehensive in Victoria.

The Geelong Hospital is:

- The sole provider of public acute hospital services for Greater Geelong and the principal provider of psychiatric programs for the Barwon area;
- A teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Melbourne with Chairs in Medicine, Surgery and Psychiatry; and Deakin University with a Chair in Nursing;
- Associated with other teaching hospitals - such as St Vincent's for Medical Education and the Royal Children's for Paediatric Surgery - through existing and evolving strategic alliances and/or clearly established referral patterns;
- Associated with the Gordon Institute of TAFE for the clinical education of Certificate IV (Health) students of nursing.

The Geelong Hospital Nursing Education Services offers Graduate Diplomas in Midwifery, Perioperative Nursing, and Critical Care Nursing in conjunction with Deakin University and Emergency Nursing in conjunction with Melbourne University. Nursing Education Services also offers supported programs in speciality areas of nursing practice and conducts regular specialised short courses and seminars.

APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

- ◆ Registered Nurse Division 1
- ◆ Holds a current Victorian Practising Certificate
- ◆ Minimum of 12 months recent post-registration nursing experience

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ◆ Meets Deakin University selection criteria
- ◆ Passed as medically fit
- ◆ Satisfactory interview
- ◆ Satisfactory clinical references

SALARY

Students are able to take advantage of the employment component of the course (one day per week) paid at either casual or part-time rates, by negotiation.

CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

Contract for employment is for the duration of the Course.

APPLICATIONS

The Course is advertised online at www.barwonhealth.org.au. Intakes vary according to recruitment needs, however, there may be intakes in February and/or July.

Enrolment packages are available from School of Nursing, Deakin University, Burwood Campus.

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STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Course Duration:

18 month course which commences in February & July of each year.

Course Aims:

To enable Registered Nurses (Division 1) to:

- Develop knowledge, values, attitudes & competencies that reflect the philosophy, nature and scope of midwifery practice.
- Integrate theory and practice in a supportive supervised midwifery practicum.
- Obtain endorsement as midwives with the Nurses Board of Victoria (NBV).

Theoretical Component:

The Graduate Diploma comprises eight units, including six credit points of study containing the knowledge, values attitudes and competencies required of midwives, plus two credit points of elective units.

Deakin University administers the theoretical component of the course. The Geelong Hospital will provide a strong program of clinical tutorials and support.

Clinical Component:

The clinical component of the course is undertaken with Baxter Maternity Services of the Geelong Hospital and in conjunction with regional community services. Specific objectives and assessments are set and preceptors guide clinical practice.

MIDWIFERY

The art and science of midwifery practice embodies physical, psychological and spiritual needs of women throughout their childbirth experience. A key aspect of the midwife's role is the ability to develop a partnership with the woman, to plan and facilitate care throughout this time within the context of the family, social and cultural environments.

Within this framework, care is woman-centred, whereby midwives assist and support the woman in informed decision-making related to her own needs, those of her foetus or newborn infant and of her family. Midwives recognise and promote childbirth as a normal, health life event but function within the boundaries of safe practice, collaborating with or referring to other health professionals as required.

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Baxter Maternity Services is a referral centre for its surrounding towns and has approximately 2,000 births per year. Services include specialty antenatal clinics for Koorie clients, women with gestational diabetes, pregnant adolescents and women with multiple pregnancies. The Midwives' Clinic, Outreach services and Family Birth Unit are growing in popularity.

Team Maternity Care has been introduced in April 2002 to enable integrated, multidisciplinary continuity of care. The team comprises midwives and medical staff who provide care to both low and high-risk women.

Baxter Maternity Services is planning a new midwifery model of care (caseload), with a pilot program planned for 2006/07. This model will see midwives as the primary maternity carer.

Other services provided at Barwon Health include Birthing Suite (facilities for total of 8 women) postnatal care (18 bed unit), Special Care Nursery (Level 2 with 10 cots), Early parenting Day Stay, Domiciliary postnatal services and Chemical Dependency Unit.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Clinical support, tutorials, supervision and assessment are undertaken by the clinical nurse educator who is a midwifery practitioner and is supernumerary to midwifery unit staff. A preceptorship program is in place and students are under constant supervision by experienced midwifery unit staff and/or the clinical nurse educator.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS

Formal clinical appraisal and assessments of competency skills are undertaken throughout the course in accordance with The Graduate Diploma of Midwifery and Deakin University guidelines.

Satisfactory completion of all of these assessments is required to enable the additional qualification of midwife in the Division one register, NBV.



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