

In Progress

Please note that this Unit Profile is still in progress. The content below is subject to change.



MDWF13004 *Ethical, Legal and Professional Midwifery Practice*

Term 1 - 2026

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General Information

Overview

This unit will provide an understanding of the legal and ethical parameters framing midwifery practice. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Competencies for the midwife will be examined in conjunction with Australian legislation relating to midwifery practice. You will develop critical thinking in relation to professional accountability. You will explore the various discourses that influence women's decision making in relation to their care. This unit will enable you to understand the importance of decision frameworks that underpin clinical practice in the provision of safe care for the woman, fetus, newborn and their families.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Pre-req MDWF13001 Cultural and Psychosocial Diversity in Midwifery

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2026

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Information for Class and Assessment Overview has not been released yet.

This information will be available on Monday 12 January 2026

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from SUTE Unit Comments

Feedback

I was not a fan of the group discussion posts. However, I do see the benefit in them in getting students to interact with one another.

Recommendation

To continue to encourage peer-to-peer interaction through blog posts but offer some flexibility on the topic of discussion.

Feedback from SUTE Unit Comments

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When I saw we had a Law & Ethics subject, I initially dreaded the thought of having to complete the coursework. However, I loved the way Tanya made the coursework engaging and relevant to future midwives. It was fantastic. I was surprised I actually enjoyed learning, this is because of the way the content was taught and delivered.

Recommendation

To continue to ensure the content is engaging and relevant to contemporary midwifery practice.

Unit Learning Outcomes

Information for Unit Learning Outcomes has not been released yet.

This information will be available on Monday 12 January 2026

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

Information for Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes has not been released yet.

This information will be available on Monday 12 January 2026

Textbooks and Resources

Information for Textbooks and Resources has not been released yet.

This information will be available on Monday 16 February 2026

Academic Integrity Statement

Information for Academic Integrity Statement has not been released yet.

This unit profile has not yet been finalised.