

Postgraduate study

# Master of Midwifery (Specialisation) Lactation Consultancy



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- Location: South Street campus
- Duration: 1.5 years full time or part time equivalent
- Availability: Internal
- Murdoch Code: M1180

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## What is the Master of Midwifery (Specialisation)?

The Master of Midwifery (Specialisation) aims to provide qualified midwives with the relevant knowledge and expertise to extend themselves in an advanced specialist clinical and consultative role. This course is unique and gives midwives the opportunity to obtain a Postgraduate qualification in a specialised area of midwifery practice. The first specialisation being offered is in Lactation Consultancy. You can either complete the full Masters of Midwifery with specialisation after 18 months full time study or apply to exit after two semesters, graduating with a Postgraduate Diploma with Specialisation. The specialisation in Lactation Consultancy meets the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiner's (IBLCE) requirements for a lactation specific academic program and completion enables students to apply to sit the IBLCE exam. For those students requiring further clinical experience to be eligible to sit the exam this course also offers elective internship units. Further specialisations in Women's Health, Maternal Mental Health Care and Midwifery Emergency Care are being planned for the future.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants should hold a Bachelor of Nursing degree or equivalent from an approved higher education institution, or have extensive, long standing clinical experience in the related specialist area and be registered as a midwife with the national registration body, or overseas equivalent. Recent experience in the area of Breastfeeding and Lactation is desirable.

## Professional Recognition

Applicants who successfully complete the IBCLE are registered as an International Board Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) and are then eligible for full membership of the International Lactation Consultants Association (ILCA) and Lactation Consultants of Australia and New Zealand (LCANZ).

Students who choose to undertake their specialist research dissertation in the area of human milk or lactation will, on completion, also be eligible to apply for associate membership of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML).

## To apply simply go online

[www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students)

## Career Prospects

This course will assist you to progress in your career as a midwife through specialisation in the consultative role of Lactation and Breastfeeding.

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## Course Structure – 36 pts

### Core Units – 28 pts

- MID631 Clinical Management of Breastfeeding and Human Lactation – 4 pts
- NUR632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice – 4 pts
- MID632 Critical Perspectives on Breastfeeding and Lactation Consultant Practice – 4 pts
- MID635 Breastfeeding and Human Lactation Project – 4 pts
- MID630 Dissertation in Breastfeeding and Human Lactation – 12 pts

### Specified electives

In addition to the core units two elective units must be undertaken and may be chosen from the list below. Other electives are available from the Specified Electives for other related coursework Masters however enrolment in these are subject to the approval of the Academic Chair.

Select two units from the list below:

- MID633 Lactation Consultancy Internship 1 – 4 pts
- MID634 Lactation Consultancy Internship 2 – 4 pts
- NUR638 Health Care Education – 4 pts
- NUR641 Clinical and Corporate Governance – 4 pts
- NUR611 Strategic Leadership in Health Care – 4 pts
- NUR612 Managing in a Health Care Environment – 4 pts
- NUR601 Quality and Safety in Health Care – 4 pts
- NUR644 From Clinician to Manager – 4 pts

### Please visit the following link

[www.murdoch.edu.au/Courses](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Courses) for detailed unit information on the units within this course.

## Fees

To find out the cost of this course, please visit the Course Fee Calculator:  
[handbook.murdoch.edu.au/fees](http://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/fees)

FEE-HELP is available to Australian Citizens who wish to defer their fees.

For further details on FEE-HELP, visit [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au) (Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training).

For additional fee information, you can also contact us directly by submitting a question via [ask.murdoch.edu.au](mailto:ask.murdoch.edu.au)

## Academic Contact

For detailed information on this course, please feel free to contact the Postgraduate office of the School of Nursing and Midwifery via the internet at [www.nursing.murdoch.edu.au](http://www.nursing.murdoch.edu.au) or via phone on 08 9582 5523 or email [nursing@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:nursing@murdoch.edu.au)

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