SELECTION CRITERIA

YEAR 12
ENTER and two-stage process with a middle band of approximately 20%.

NON-YEAR 12
Academic record, VTAC Pi (Personal Information) form.

For international students the following English language requirement is needed for entry to the course where their education was conducted in a language other than English.

An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic test score of at least 6 in Reading and Listening, and a score of at least 6 in Writing and Speaking and an overall band score of at least 6.

This requirement is based on the Nurses Board of Victoria level of English attainment for initial registration and indicates the level of proficiency expected for safe practice in nursing in a clinical setting. Students require this level of English proficiency because they will be practising and communicating in the workplace from semester 2 of the course.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Year 12 students and Non-Year 12 applicants must apply through VTAC. VTAC applications may be submitted online using the VTAC Online Application at www.vtac.edu.au

INTERNAL COURSE TRANSFER APPLICANTS
Apply using the Victoria University Internal Course Application Form. Application forms can be found at www.MYVU.vu.edu.au

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BACHELOR OF NURSING

COURSE CODE: HBNW
VTAC code: 43161

COURSE AIM

This course aims to provide the student with a comprehensive professional program adopting a woman-centred approach to midwifery practice. On successful completion graduates are eligible to be recommended for registration with the Nurses Board of Victoria in Division 1 with restriction to practice midwifery.

Through this program of study, graduates will be able to:

- practice competently and confidently in a variety of maternity settings;
- demonstrate practice which is evidenced-informed, according to the ANMC Competency Standards for Midwives (2005);
- reflect attitudes which are congruent with the philosophy of valuing women, woman-centred care and woman-midwife partnership;
- work both as a primary carer and in collaboration with other healthcare professionals in providing comprehensive care through women’s reproductive life, and
- achieve employment in a variety of maternity care settings

WHERE DO I STUDY?

This course is located at the St Albans campus

WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?

Upon the successful completion of this course students will be eligible for registration as a midwife with the Nurses Board of Victoria and be able to practice in a variety of maternity settings. Graduates may also apply for membership with the Australian College of Midwives.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This course is offered over 3 years on a full time basis.

FIRST YEAR      SEMESTER ONE
RBN1515 Anatomy and Physiology 1
APT1310 Psychology 1
HNH7113 Foundations in Midwifery Practice
HNH7115 Midwifery Studies 1: The Childbearing Journey
HNH7114 Continuity of Care 1

FIRST YEAR      SEMESTER TWO
RBN2104 Anatomy and Physiology
ASE1320 Sociology of Indigenous Health
HNH7201 Midwifery Studies 2: The Childbearing Journey
HNH7202 Midwifery Practice 2: The Childbearing Journey

SECOND YEAR     SEMESTER ONE
HNH1115 Healthcare Law and Ethics
RBN2528 Pathophysiology in Midwifery
HNH7203 Midwifery Studies 3: Childbearing Complications
HNH7204 Midwifery Practice 3: Childbearing Complications

SECOND YEAR     SEMESTER TWO
HNH3237 Research Practice
HNH7205 Midwives Working with Women from Diverse Backgrounds
HNH7226 Midwifery Studies 4: Women’s Health
HNH7227 Midwifery Practice 4: Women’s Health
HNH7208 Continuity of Care 2

THIRD YEAR      SEMESTER ONE
HNH7309 Applied Medication Management
HNH7310 Midwifery Studies 5: Childbearing Complications
HNH7311 Midwifery Practice 5: Childbearing Complications
HNH7312 Continuity of Care 3

THIRD YEAR      SEMESTER TWO
HNH7313 Midwifery Studies 6: Babies Needing Extra Care
HNH7314 Midwifery Practice 6: Babies Needing Extra Care
HNH7315 Midwifery Practice 7: Consolidation

CLINICAL PLACEMENT

The School of Nursing and Midwifery offer the new Flexible Clinical Model, block placements and caseload Midwifery placements. The new Flexible Clinical Model is designed to enhance the student’s clinical learning experience.

This program provides opportunities for the learner to:

- experience the true nature and challenges of contemporary nursing practice;
- work alongside expert clinicians;
- enjoy positive, and supportive clinical learning environments across the spectrum of nursing specialties

Follow-throughs are an integral component of the course where students provide care to women whilst learning about childbearing as experienced by the woman. Students will be subject to a security screening (Police Check and Working with Children Check) before their placement, in accordance with the Department of Human Services policy. Students may be asked to declare immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of the hospitals/health agencies at which they will be placed.

HOW DO I GET IN?

YEAR 12 APPLICANTS
To qualify for admission to the course, the applicant must have successfully completed the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), with Units 1 and 2, Maths (any); Units 3 and 4, a study score of at least 25 in English (any) and a study score of 20 in one of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Health Education, Psychology, Human Development, Physics, or Maths (any).

NON-YEAR 12 APPLICANTS
Applicants who do not meet the normal admission requirements but possess appropriate educational qualifications, work or life experiences, that would enable them to successfully undertake the course, will be considered for admission.