

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA – MASTERS DEGREE (COURSEWORK)	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
PURPOSE	The Masters Degree (Coursework) qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning.	
KNOWLEDGE	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in a discipline and/or area of professional practice ▪ knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to a field of work and or learning 	In the context of primary maternity care, graduates of the Master of Primary Maternity Care will have specialist knowledge of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the historical and current socio-political, cultural and economic context of maternity service provision • the scientific and theoretical evidence for the development of women centered models of care • the role of the midwife including knowledge of the legal, social, ethical, organisational and scope of practice implications and considerations for effective and informed specialist practice and professional role development • the contemporary concepts of health leadership and management and project and financial management relevant to health services including standards, policies and legislation associated with primary care • cultural diversity and its impact on practice • research outcomes and the evidence-base that informs quality and safe practice in maternity and primary care • research processes and methods including study design, data collection and analysis as well as scholarly writing and publishing.
SKILLS	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice or scholarship ▪ cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise 	In the context of primary maternity care, graduates of the Master of Primary Maternity Care will have: <p>Specialist cognitive skills that demonstrate their ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • synthesise theoretical and content knowledge and professional experience related to primary maternity care for contemporary practice • critically explore the various types of midwifery practice and models of care that exist at a local state and national level

<p>complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract level ▪ communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences ▪ technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice or scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, and concepts of interdisciplinary bodies of knowledge to inform practice • design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise the use of techniques, materials, processes, and contemporary practices in maternity primary care • recognise the multicultural nature of society and respect the woman's and her family's cultural beliefs and values • critically appraise contemporary problems using evidence and undertake research. <p>Specialist professional clinical and non-clinical technical skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct focused and comprehensive health assessments of clients within a specialist scope of practice in both complex and normal client care situations • provide safe and effective application of scientific principles to the provision of midwifery care • evaluate educational, clinical and research strategies that effect positive change in the primary maternity care • conduct research to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions and to generate theories and ideas in primary maternity care • incorporate principles of primary health care into midwifery practice • Analyse the role of the midwife and the profession within the current health care system. <p>Specialist communication skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate complex knowledge and ideas, to women, their families and other healthcare professionals in a variety of primary care settings • communicate and disseminate research findings and outcomes to a range of audiences to improve practice • employ interpersonal and communication skills to meet the individual needs of the childbearing family through effective education and counselling.
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**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will demonstrate the application of knowledge & skills:

- with creativity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning
- with high level personal autonomy and accountability
- to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or piece of scholarship

Graduates of the Master of Primary Maternity Care will demonstrate the application of specialist knowledge and skills by:

- practising in a safe, collaborative and evidence-based manner within their scope of practice relevant to their own speciality focus in accordance with contemporary models of maternity care and professional regulatory standards of practice
- assessing the health status of individuals and/or populations and, where necessary, formulating, implementing and monitoring management plans in consultation with women, their families and the community
- evaluating the impact of social factors on health of individuals and communities and moderating the influence of these thereby promoting and optimising health and welfare.
- contributing to local and national nursing and health policy and services that enhance the health of individuals and communities
- retrieving, critically evaluating and applying evidence in the performance of nursing and healthcare
- reflecting on current skills, knowledge and attitudes, and planning ongoing personal and professional development for self and others
- critically evaluating research reports and synthesising findings applicable to professional practice
- extending the evidence base by designing and conducting research including the development of research questions, data collection strategies and analysis and interpretive approaches
- critically reflect on, and promote the capacity of, maternity and health services to ensure access, equity for all women and families in a culturally and diverse society with a specific focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.