



# Graduate Diploma of Child and Family Health Nursing

**Develop advanced skills in community child and family health nursing with the ability to critically analyse and apply principles of primary healthcare.**

## **Our program**

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services of Victoria builds partnerships with families and communities by collaboratively integrating with Allied Health and Early Childhood services. As a student, this program will provide you with evidence-based knowledge and skills to recognise the strength, vulnerabilities, physical, emotional and social factors affecting the diverse families in our local communities.

The course model is a combination of online, face-to-face block sessions and 300 hours of clinical placement.

Clinical placements can take place in a variety of settings including MCH centres, Mother Baby Units and Early Childhood Education Centers. Federation University has partnered with Casey, Cardinia and Greater Dandenong councils to support your clinical placement opportunities, although clinical placements can be undertaken at other local councils Victoria-wide.

## **Career opportunities**

Your MCH qualifications will address an identified shortage in the Child and Family health workforce. Your qualifications will also allow further development of skills in specialty areas in both community and institutional workplaces.

## **Our staff**

Our enthusiastic and highly skilled academics have held senior leadership roles in both academia and the health industry and are committed to assisting and supporting students to become future leaders in the field of MCH practice.

## **Scholarships**

Scholarships funded by the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services of up to \$10,000 are available to contribute towards course fees, accommodation and travel costs, or childcare costs incurred to support study.

To find out more about application dates, eligibility and how to apply visit:

**[www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/maternal-child-health/workforce-mch](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/maternal-child-health/workforce-mch)**

## Entry requirements

- Current registration with AHPRA as both a Registered Nurse (RN) and Midwife (RM); and
- Australian Bachelor's degree or equivalent; and
- A minimum of 12 months recent experience in both general nursing and midwifery.

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma may be further eligible to apply for entry into the Federation University Master of Health program.

## Program delivery location

Berwick

## Program duration

One year full-time (or part-time equivalent)

## How to apply

Domestic Australian students who meet the entry requirements, must apply directly:  
**[federation.edu.au/apply](https://www.federation.edu.au/apply)**

Applicants will be advised by email of the application outcome.

## Application information

All applicants are also required to submit a certified copy of their AHPRA registration as a nurse and a midwife.

## Fees

Please visit **[federation.edu.au/fees](https://www.federation.edu.au/fees)** to obtain further information regarding Indicative Program Fees.

For further information regarding Commonwealth Supported Places and HECS-HELP visit **[goingtouni.gov.au](https://www.goingtouni.gov.au)**.

## Sample course plan

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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	Child and Family Health Assessment 1	Family and Community Studies - + Clinical
		Family Partnerships Model	Perinatal and Infant Mental Health 2
	SEMESTER 2	Child and Family Health Assessment 2	Child and Family Health in Community - +Clinical
		Infant and Child Nutrition	Research - Evidence Based Practice

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