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Midwifery Graduate Program

About us

We are the largest country health service in Australia – and one of the biggest in the world.

Spanning more than 2.5 million square kilometres, WA Country Health Service provides comprehensive healthcare to almost 550,000 people across country WA.

Across our region, we employ around 10,000 people – from nurses and midwives to allied health and medical professionals.

Our midwifery services

From Kununurra in the north to Albany in the south, we have 18 dedicated maternity sites across our seven regions.

Gain experience across the range of services we offer, including:

- Antenatal outreach clinics
- Special Care Nursery
- Midwifery Group Practice
- Waterbirth
- Public homebirth (Bunbury)
- Sterile water injections for pain relief
- Positive birthing classes (including hypnobirthing)
- Lactation consultant
- Telehealth support services
- Endorsed Midwifery

In country health, all midwives work across the continuum of care. You'll have the chance to learn from experienced obstetricians, paediatricians, GPs, midwifery colleagues and leaders across inpatient settings, outpatient settings, Midwifery Group Practices, community midwifery and neonatal care.



How to apply?

You can apply to join our midwifery graduate program through GradConnect on the WA Health website.

All you need to do is submit your CV and cover letter and select your preferences for WA Country Health sites.

Successful applicants will receive a 12-month employment contract.

Applications are only open for a short time and take place twice a year, with varying start dates throughout the year.

For more information

Get in touch with Sian Skillcorn by phone 0484 505 528 or email WACHS.GradMidwifeProgram@health.wa.gov.au



Did you know? Newly qualified nurses and midwives that take up employment in regional WA after 1 July 2023 may be eligible for up to \$12,000 in HECS-HELP support. **Conditions apply, visit the WA Health website for more info.**

Looking to continue your career in country health?

There are many ways we can support you to continue working and living in country WA after you complete your graduate rotations.

TRAVEL program

The **Transition to Rural – AdVENTure & Lifestyle (TRAVEL)** program supports midwives to live and work in rural communities, and country health and lifestyle can offer.

Participants will experience three different rotations over a 12 month period. Travel will be supported and accommodation will be available at each location.

To be eligible, you must have 12 months of work experience and current birth suite skills. You will need to be flexible and adapt quickly to changes in environment and clinical context.

For more information and how to apply visit wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/rotationalprograms

Deborah Nicholson Midwifery Scholarship

The annual midwifery scholarship has been established in memory of WACHS Midwife Deborah Nicholson who passed away in 2018.

The scholarship is equivalent to the cost of Prescribing for Midwives (8034NRS) at Griffith University. It is awarded to two country midwives each year to support them in commencing studies to become a qualified endorsed midwife.

For more information and how to apply contact tarryn.sharp@health.wa.gov.au

**“Take the plunge!
A new place can make
rewarding friendships.”**

– Ann, Newly qualified midwife, Geraldton.

Support for graduates

Newly qualified midwives will receive ongoing support and education, including:

- Regular video conferencing sessions with the Clinical Midwife Educator.
- 24/7 access to senior midwifery, obstetric and neonatology support via the Midwifery and Obstetric Emergency Telehealth Service (MOETS).
- Special Care Nursery scholarships available to undertake the Perth Children’s Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital neonatal care course.
- Practical Obstetric Multi-Professional Training, NeoResus and Fetal Surveillance Education Program courses offered within your program.
- Artificial Intelligence CTG interpretation software at all sites.
- Midwifery mentoring program and Midwifery Research Support Network.

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We have a strong network of public hospitals, health services and nursing posts located across rural and remote Western Australia. Our core business is to provide quality, accessible health services to people living in large regional centres to small remote communities.

Hear from our staff why they love working in country WA
[WA Country Health Service - In their words](#)