

CIRCULATORY RESOLUTION MEETING MINUTES: HECC CM1/20/1

Date and Time:	Thursday, 5 March 2020
Members:	Associate Professor Jenene Burke - (Chair) Mr Eric Holm – Chair, Academic Board (nominee) Professor Andy Smith – Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Nina Fotinatos – Chair, Learning and Teaching Committee Associate Professor Jason Giri – Pro Vice Chancellor International (nominee) Associate Professor Kim Dowling – School of Science, Engineering and Information Technology (nominee) Dr Carolyn Johnstone – School of Arts (nominee) Associate Professor Damian Morgan – Federation Business School (nominee) Dr Judith Lyons – School of Nursing and Healthcare Professions (nominee) Dr Anna Fletcher – School of Education (nominee) Dr Lara Wakeling - School of Health and Life Sciences (nominee) Ms Sharon Austin – Manager, Registrar Services Ms Lisa Bale - VET Curriculum and Quality Committee (nominee) Ms Christine Peacock – Elected member, Higher Education Academic Vacant - Elected member, TAFE
Executive Officer:	Ms Shona Adams

Federation University Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where its campuses are located, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations Peoples.

Circulatory Resolution

School of Nursing and Healthcare Professions

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Background

The proposed joint degree of HL5 Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery is a four year undergraduate program that combines the essential elements of the two disciplines. This program prepares graduates as Nurses and Midwives who are able to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and practice as nurses and midwives nationally and internationally.

There is demonstrated demand for offering midwifery at undergraduate level with universities providing the program as a standalone midwifery program (international trend) or as a combined program, generally with nursing but equally with another health cognate program such as counselling. The current trend in Australia is to have a joint degree with nursing, as a graduate with both nursing and midwifery qualifications is highly sought after by employees nationally, especially in regional and remote healthcare workforce.

The Program Advisory Committees for Nursing held over the years at Gippsland and Ballarat Campuses have requested a joint degree with Nursing and Midwifery. Likewise, the Midwifery Program Advisory Committees and Clinical Educators meetings have also advocated for a joint degree with nursing.

Resolution HECC CM1/20/1

That the new Joint Degree Program HL5 Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (BN/BMid), be approved for delivery at Gippsland and Mt Helen Campuses from Semester 1, 2021, and forwards to Academic Board for approval.

School of Nursing and Healthcare Professions approved the Joint Degree Program HL5 Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (BN/BMid).

ECM 203417	203419	203421	203422	203423	203424	203425	203426	203427	203428	203428	203430
School Board			approved				15/01/2020				SNHP SB 1/20/3
HECC			approved				05/03/2020				HECC CM1/20/1
Academic Board			for approval				date				resolution
Council			for approval				date				resolution