

Dear Student,

Congratulations on receiving an offer for the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery (BNBM) for 2025. It is a fantastic opportunity to secure your future career within two of the fastest growing areas of healthcare. I (Elise Luders) am your course coordinator and am based at the Gippsland campus. Below is some vital information regarding the course in addition to that on the Student Resources Webpage (if you haven't looked there yet, head on over).

The BNBMid is run on campus **ONLY with early start semesters in years 2-4**. There is no part time option for this 4-year program. It is intensive and you can expect to do around 10 hours study at home for each course per semester (40hrs/week).

- **Orientation sessions** will be held in orientation week in February (24th – 28th). You are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions to become familiar with the campus, expectations of the BNBMid and the support offered by Federation University. You should attend the Midwifery and Nursing course specific information as well as general information session that will prepare you for your studies and familiarise you with the university. Further specific information regarding orientation program will be sent later.
- **Fed Ready** - It is **expected** that you will attend **Fed Ready** prior to the semester. Fed ready is a course designed to help prepare you for university expectations and academic skills/requirements. It is free and you will not be assessed. You will receive information about Fed Ready with your orientation information once it is sent out, and I strongly encourage you to participate in it.
- **Placement immunisations** – students are required to have certain immunisations to be able to go on placement at clinical facilities. It is therefore important that you review your immunisation history, gather your document's, and commence necessary immunisations as soon as possible after orientation, if not already immunised as delay in documentation will delay your placement.
- **Placement Expectations** - For Midwifery, we will **attempt** to place you with a health service close to your home if possible. This enables better capacity for continuity of care experiences (see below). For Nursing, placement is dependent on your campus. You may be placed anywhere from Melbourne to the far East of the State (Bairnsdale or beyond) for the Gippsland campus and Melbourne to the west (e.g. Warrnambool) for the Ballarat (Mt Helen) campus, as placements are available. It is important to note that you may have to travel for placements throughout your course.
- **Continuity of Care Experience Expectations (CoCE)- CoCE is a valuable learning experience for student midwives which involves following women throughout their perinatal journey.** – For registration as a Midwife in Australia students must complete 10 Continuity of Care Experiences (CoCE's) over their course. These experiences are in addition to the required clinical placement hours. There are specific requirements CoCE's which you will learn about when you commence your clinical course in second semester 1st year.

I look forward to meeting you in 2025.

Kind Regards,

Elise Luders
Course Coordinator BNBMid