

Master of Nursing (Child and Family Health – Karitane)



Duration: 2 years part-time
UAC Code: 952506
Campus: Hawkesbury

The Master of Nursing (Child and Family Health – Karitane) provides registered nurses and registered midwives with theoretical knowledge and associated skills that will prepare them to work autonomously across a variety of clinical settings. Graduates will be able to apply advanced nursing concepts and analysis and lead nursing practice to promote optimal health outcomes for children and families. This will include implementation and evaluation of models of care, synthesis of nursing concepts leading to a basis for advanced nursing practice, and the facilitation of practice change.

UWS and Karitane recognise the complexity and diversity of the role of the child and family health nurse and the need to be educationally prepared at a Masters level.

Course content reflects the recent policy directives from the NSW Department of Health 'Supporting Families early' and 'SAFESTART' and is consistent with policy and practice directions from other Australian states and territories. The NSW Child and Family Health Nursing Practice Standards framework auspiced by the Nursing and Midwifery Office (NaMO) and the Child and Family Health Nurses Association (CAFHNA) competencies have played an integral part in course development. Learning outcomes are responsive to contemporary policy and practice issues to prepare nurses for the challenging and fulfilling role of a child and family health nurse.

The long standing relationship between UWS and Karitane has enabled us to deliver high quality education in child and family health nursing for more than 10 years. The industry expertise of Karitane has guided the content of the course to produce graduates that are well equipped with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills to work in the field. The course is the first Masters program to be designed especially for child and family health nurses in Australia, acknowledging the strengths and expertise developed in this specialty field.

Family partnership training, which is usually undertaken after employment, is inclusive in this course and meets requirement for employment as a child and family health nurse in NSW, making UWS graduates more practice ready.

Health Sciences and Nursing at UWS

The course is offered by the University of Western Sydney School of Nursing and Midwifery – a national leader in nursing and midwifery education, research and scholarship in Australia. With a strong reputation for quality, relevant and contemporary professional education, the School has well established industry partnerships with nursing leaders and health and community services in the Greater Western area of Sydney. UWS also has well establish ties across the state of New South Wales and nationally. These national and regional ties are complemented by collaborative partnerships and active international links, enabling the School to work with a range of partners to advance nursing education and research.



It's all about Career Opportunities

Child and family health nurses may work in integrated service models in:

- » primary settings, including home visiting and centre based services
- » secondary level service delivery including family care centres, sustained home visiting programmes and outreach specialist services and
- » tertiary level service delivery including residential family care facilities.

Practice nurses who work with families with young children will find this qualification enhances their skills and knowledge, and promotes working in partnership with families to provide effective help.

Recommended Study Sequence (Part-time)

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points.

This course is conducted mainly as distance, with a five day face-to-face workshop. To graduate with the Master of Nursing (Child and Family Health – Karitane) students must complete the following 8 units:

Child and Family Health Nursing:
Professional Practice and Frameworks

Child and Family Health Nursing:
Supporting Child Growth and Development
Clinical Practice: Infant and Child Nutrition and Feeding
Healthy Families and Communities
Partnership in Practice
Perinatal Mental Health
Evidence Based Nursing
Plus one elective

Entry Requirements

Eligibility for admission to the Master of Nursing (Child and Family Health – Karitane) is based on the following minimum requirements:

- » registration as a Nurse or Midwife with the NSW Nurses and Midwives Board or equivalent, or eligibility for registration and
- » possession of one or more of the following:
 - Bachelor of Nursing
 - Bachelor of Midwifery
 - Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing)
 - equivalent qualification (as approved by the School of Nursing and Midwifery)
 - evidence of general and professional nursing experience deemed by the School of Nursing and Midwifery to demonstrate equivalence in the capacity and educational background to participate in the course.

Additional Selection Criteria

Special requirements are those stipulated by the NSW Health Department and UWS. These include Prohibited Persons Employment Declaration (PPED), NSW Health Clinical Placement Authority (Criminal Record Check) and Adult Health Immunisation.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Special equivalence may be granted to candidates on the basis of evidence they submit at the time of application, for academic, professional and/or any other qualifications they hold.

Pathways

The Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Child and Family Health – Karitane) is an exit point after the completion of four subjects from the Master of Nursing (Child and Family – Karitane)

How to Apply

Applications for the course must be made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) online at www.uac.edu.au

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available on the Future Students section of the UWS website:
<http://future.uws.edu.au>

Postgraduate Coursework Booklets are available free of charge from UAC and the UWS Course Information Centre (1800 897 669).



For further information contact the UWS Course Information Centre on 1800 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

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