Wodonga Maternity Annexe-AWH

Contact Details: Maternity Unit

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Welcome to Albury Wodonga Health Maternity Unit

The Maternity Unit is one of the largest in rural Victoria and NSW, catering for an estimated 1600-1800 births annually. The unit comprises of six fully equipped Birthing Suites, 30 dedicated maternity and gynaecology beds, a 14 bed(+) Level 2B Special Care Nursery. The maternity unit is well supported by clinical support staff.

The midwifery continuum provides extended services in the following areas:
- Booking Clinic
- Domiciliary Care
- Neonate Hospital In The Home
- Breastfeeding Support Service
- Specialist Breastfeeding Services
- Midwife Care Program
- Young Mum’s at Gateway Midwife Care Clinic
- Antenatal Clinic
- Antenatal Education
- Parents and Babies Service

Obstetrics Unit

Shift times  AM: 0700 - 1530, PM: 1300 - 2130, ND: 2100 - 0730

Support Staff
- Midwifery Student Facilitator: Zorica Hartles
- Midwifery Graduate Facilitator: Belinda Andrews
- Clinical Midwife Consultant: Kayleen Filliponi
- Clinical Support Nurse: Vicki Ferguson
- Nurse Unit Manager: Tara O'Sullivan
Supervisors

This placement has been designed to offer you further exposure to the midwifery continuum of care in a well-supported and nurturing environment. The Midwifery Student Facilitator will coordinate and be responsible for your placement in collaboration with the Maternity Unit Nurse Manager. This person will provide you with orientation to the work environment, ascertain your learning outcomes, and complete your final evaluation.

Throughout your placement you will also be supported by our Midwifery Graduate Facilitator, Clinical Support Nurses, Clinical Midwife Consultant, nurse in charge, and other RN’s/RM’s.

Each shift you will be allocated to a staff member who is responsible for an allocated patient load. You will be required to work alongside the staff member (RN/RM) is person, with a mix of direct and indirect supervision depending on your knowledge base and skill level. You are responsible for identifying your learning outcomes and goals and demonstrating your current knowledge and skill base to the Midwifery Student Facilitator and the RN/RM you are assigned to. This will ensure your learning outcomes are being met, as well as determine the degree of supervision you require.

Debriefing and weekly Inter Professional Learning (IPL) sessions

Debriefing sessions will be offered twice weekly with the Midwifery Student Facilitator and more frequently if required. Every Thursday an Inter Professional Learning (IPL) session is offered which involves midwives/nurses and allied health students. These sessions will involve simulation, case studies, topics of interest and general debriefing. This is a great way to get to know other students from different disciplines.

Benefits of debriefing include:

- providing support
- including peer support
- assists in developing a sense of belonging
- improves interpersonal communication skills
- encourages the sharing of skills, knowledge and experiences with peers
- develops confidence in nursing/midwifery skills
- reduces the experience of ‘reality shock’
- develops reflective and critical thinking skills and encourages the development of a supportive relationship with facilitators

(Mangone & King 2005).
**Other Information**

**Computer Access**
Generic access to the intranet will be provided. Internet access is restricted. If you require the internet for personal use out of hours or at lunch time, a computer with unrestricted access can be found in the maternity tea room and the main hospital cafeteria.

**Identification**
Students must wear their university/TAFE identification and name tag at all times whilst on placement and ensure that it is clearly visible.

**Swipe Card**
You will be provided with a swipe card to access parts of the hospital for Staff only. This should be worn at all times. Please return to the Maternity unit Education Office on your last day.

**Lockers**
There are student lockers available, keys will be provided at orientation.

**Uniforms**
Students are to wear the uniform from their tertiary institution. Non-slip closed in professional shoes are required. Student’s uniforms and presentation must be professional looking at all times.