

PROGRAMME OUTLINE: (Cont'd)

All theory units have equal values of 20 credit points, except for the practice units of 15 credit points each.

The programme will be offered in a variety of modes includ-

Midwifery.

All students must complete 40 credit points from the following core units and 80 credit points from the specialist units and 60 credit points in clinical practice:

Semester 1 Units

NUR 738 Research and Evidence Based practice
NUR 747 Science in Reproductive Hlth
NUR 748 Midwifery & the Child birth Continuum
NUR 749 Antenatal FP Practice

Semester 2 Units

NUR 740 Leadership and Management
NUR 750 Care of the Newborn
NUR 751 Registered Midwifery practice
NUR 752 Labour & Post Natal Care 1

Semester 3 Units

NUR 753 Labour & Postnatal Care 2
NUR 754 Community Midwifery Prac

MODE OF DELIVERY:

ing; direct teaching (face to face), self directed learning, distance learning and other flexible learning approaches as appropriate.

An active learning, problem solving approach will be used to support the development of clinical reasoning and critical thinking needed in nursing practice. This will comprise of actual and simulated case scenarios, incidents, problems and projects that may be encountered by the nurses.

ENTRY CRITERIA:

The entry criterion for this degree is University Entrance. For the **RN pathway the entry criteria** is:
RN with a minimum of 2 years post registration practice plus;

- Completion of the Diploma of Nursing in SINU or equivalent
 - Completion of Certificate of Nursing plus bridging programme or equivalent courses
- Completion of other 3 year nursing programmes plus bridging or equivalent courses.

BRIDGING COURSE:

The bridging course is a pre-entry requirement for applicants to the Bachelor of Nursing programme whose pre-service nursing programme is not to the academic level of the Diploma of Nursing at SINU that is a level 6 Diploma.

This requirement may be removed if the applicant has completed additional educational programmes to a Diploma level e.g. Diploma of Public Health.

In some circumstances applicants may be required to complete only part of this course.

APPLICATION FOR THE BACHELOR OF NURSING (MIDWIFERY):

Applicants seeking admission to the Bachelor of Nursing programme will be required to:

1. Obtain a standard SINU application form from SINU Student Academic Services Office, Kukum Campus. Or download from SINU website: www.sinu.edu.sb
2. Complete, sign and forward the prescribed application form before the closing date for the receipt of application.
3. Submit certified copies of certificates, academic transcripts and reports with the application form. Any application without these documents will not be considered.
4. Send the completed application form to:

The Registrar
SINU Student Academic Services
P.O Box R113
HONIARA.

ENQUIRIES:

Any enquiries regarding the Bachelor of Nursing programme, contact the following:

1. SINU Student Academic Services
Phone: 42600 Ext 220/266
2. Dean of School/Head of School
School of Nursing
Phone: 38428/38078



SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing (Midwifery)

2025 COURSE INFORMATION

Faculty of Nursing Medicine & Health Sciences

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BACKGROUND:

The Midwifery practice and education has existed in Solomon Islands for some years, although the role and scope of the midwife has never been defined nor is there a register for Midwives. This situation is now being remedied at the present with the upgrading of the Advanced Diploma of Midwifery to Bachelor's degree Level, and the development of regulatory processes, competencies and scope of practice for the midwife.

In Solomon Islands the Midwife is a leadership role for nursing in the area of Reproductive Health care. This means that they may *practise in any setting including the home, community, hospitals, clinics or health units.*

This programme includes a 3 years Diploma of Nursing.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

Year of study	Programme	Comments
Year 4	Bachelor of Nursing (Midwifery)	RN direct entry with RPL 360 cp
	2 years RN practice	MOH requirement
Year 3	Diploma of Nursing	3 year Level 6 Diploma Leads to nursing registration in SI
Year 2		
Year 1		

Enrolment into the Bachelor of Nursing (midwifery) does not occur until students have completed the Diploma of Nursing or equivalent, and have completed 2 years Registered Nurse practice.

PROGRAMME AIMS:

The aim of this degree is to produce well educated and competent graduates who have:

- advanced knowledge, skills and practice required to show leadership in the safe and effective delivery of nursing care to individuals, families and communities in the Solomon Islands.
- academic ability to proceed to postgraduate of education and to contribute in a meaningful manner to reproductive and child health development in the Solomon Islands.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES:

The Bachelor of Nursing (midwifery) graduates will be able to:

Academic Outcomes:

- Critically analyze the ability to achieve an effective partnership relationship with women and their family.
- Demonstrate the knowledge base that underpins midwifery practice, including current research.
- Use critical thinking abilities to develop, refine, enhance and validate the knowledge of midwifery practice.
- Demonstrate reflection on, and reasoned judgment about midwifery practice;
- Demonstrate complex decision making skills that show recognition of the integrity of the partnership relationship;
- Demonstrate understanding of the issues involved in accountability and autonomy;
- Explore ethical dilemmas of practice, and the process of resolution;
- Validate their communicative behavior with understanding of theories and skills.

Professional Outcomes:

- Practice midwifery in partnership with women and their families;
- Promote a positive childbirth experience with women and families using knowledge, skills and values derived from midwifery, the humanities, health sciences and social sciences;

- Have a personal identity with midwifery;
- Practice midwifery autonomously within the scope of practice in the Solomon Islands.
- Practise midwifery collaboratively with other health care providers adding a distinctive midwifery contribution and taking leadership and educative role as appropriate;
- Appreciate the uniqueness and worth of each woman, family, group and community;
- Be committed to Primary Health Care and use midwifery expertise to facilitate empowerment of women and families in self-reliance.
- Maintain a high standard of competent and high professional midwifery practice;
- Promote the development of the midwifery profession by using current research to support practice and by providing midwifery leadership.
- Contribute to the maternity health services through policy development, planning and management.
- Use appropriate strategies to initiate and

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manage change within the profession, the maternity services and society.

The programme will include both core and specialist and elective units. The core units are core for all three pathways, however, it may be run in separate occurrences for each pathway depending on student numbers, delivery modes and content focus.

All theoretical units are of equal value i.e. 20 credit points and practical units have 15 credit points each.