



WNHS Graduate Midwife Program elective clinical placements

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As part of the Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS) Graduate Midwife Program (GMP), graduates **may** have the opportunity to be allocated an elective clinical placement in one of the following areas. Please note, that although graduate's preferences are taken into consideration, we cannot guarantee that all requests can be accommodated.

Elective Clinical Placement	Details of Clinical Rotation	Length of Clinical Rotation	Eligibility
Midwifery Group Practice (MGP)	MGP provides continuity of care for women from the same small group of midwives for the duration of their pregnancy, birth and postnatal period. Women choosing this model of care may birth in the Family Birth Centre (for women considered low-risk at booking visit), or in hospital with MGP 4 & 5.	Second half of the graduate program Allocation ranging from 20 to 30+ weeks.	All graduates may apply via an expression of interest and may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Graduates must be available to provide care on a 24 hour on-call basis during this placement.
Visiting Midwifery Service (VMS)	VMS provides postnatal care at home, for up to 5 days or longer as needed, for women who birth at KEMH and who live within a 40km radius of KEMH. VMS midwives may also visit women with complex pregnancies and occasionally those receiving care for gynaecological conditions.	Approximately 9 – 10 weeks.	All graduates may select.
Mother and Baby Unit (MBU)	MBU situated on the KEMH site, is an authorised 8 bed in-patient treatment unit for acute psychiatric conditions in the perinatal period. The service provides care for women and their babies (up to 12 months) as well as pregnant women with serious mental illness.	Approximately 4 – 6 weeks.	All graduates may select with placement offered to most graduates.
Special Care Nursery (SCN)	SCN provides tertiary level neonatal care for preterm and sick babies. Graduates are orientated to the unit by a SCN Nurse Educator who will make the decision on whether they will work in either High Dependency Unit or Nursery 2 West.	Approximately 10 – 12 weeks.	All graduates may select.

Emergency Centre (EC)	EC provides emergency care for women experiencing urgent gynaecological or pregnancy (gestation less than 20 weeks) related medical conditions. Graduates are not allocated the role of triage midwife/nurse.	Approximately 8 – 12 weeks.	Graduate must also be a Registered Nurse.
Dual Degree Graduate Placement	This placement will offer Dual Degree graduates the opportunity to consolidate both midwifery and nursing skills. Graduates will complete placements on the Gynaecological Ward, Clinics (gynaecology & maternity) as well as Labour and Birth Suite and the maternity wards.	Approximately 4 months nursing and 8 months midwifery	All dual degree graduates may select however places will be limited. Other elective options will not be available.
Osborne Park Hospital (OPH)	OPH, which is governed by WNHS, is a community general hospital providing secondary maternity services for the north metropolitan suburbs. Total number of births is 1400 with an expected increase to 2000 in the future.	Approximately 10 – 16 weeks.	All graduates may select.
Western Australian Country Health Service (WACHS)	WACHS provides maternity services in public hospitals across seven regions with a combined number of births averaging 6000 per year.	Second half of the graduate program Allocation ranging from 20 to 30+ weeks.	All graduates may apply via an expression of interest and may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Regions available will be determined by WACHS.
Research Internship	The purpose of the Research Intern Program is to provide graduate midwives with the opportunity to engage in activities/projects that assist in developing research skills. This may assist with career progression as a research assistant or as preparation to undertake a higher degree by research. The graduate may be involved in a clinical audit, small stand-alone research project or contribute to a component of a larger research project. There may be an opportunity to contribute to a research report or publication dependent upon the projects available at the time.	Graduate Research Interns work with the WNHS Midwifery Research team (based in DNAMER) each Friday (excluding public holidays) 0800-1630hrs.	All graduates may apply via an expression of interest, provide their academic transcript and may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process. Appointment of a suitable graduate/s is dependent on the availability of FTE/positions in the research team at the time.

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