

How do I register my interest?

University of South Australia

Registration form:
unisa.edu.au/health/COCE

Email: midwifery.enquiries@unisa.edu.au

Phone: (08) 8302 1164

Flinders University

Registration form:
flinders.edu.au/mnhs/COCE

Email: midwifery.COCE@flinders.edu.au

Phone: (08) 8201 7500

My midwifery student's details

Name:

Contact:

Email:

Remember

You can change your mind about having a student at any time. Your choices and maternity care will not be affected in any way. You are in charge and can decide what you want to share with or allow your student to do.

The students follow clear professional ethics and are required to maintain confidentiality and professional conduct at all times. All Midwifery students are required to be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) throughout their degree. If you have any issues or concerns about your midwifery student, please contact the COCE Coordinator of your students' university.

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Call the Midwifery Student

A Continuity of Care Experience



Additional support during your pregnancy
whilst contributing to developing the next
generation of midwives



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What is the Midwifery Continuity of Care Experience?

In Australia, midwifery students are required to follow women throughout their pregnancy, birth and after birth, under the supervision of a midwife or doctor. This gives the student and the woman an opportunity to experience 'continuity of care' (COCE). This is where you have the same midwifery student providing care and support across your pregnancy, birth and after your baby is born.

What does this involve?

A midwifery student will attend some of your antenatal appointments and will contribute to your care during labour, providing additional support to you (and your family). They will be involved in your birth experience, birthing your baby with the support of a midwife or doctor, and will visit you within the first six weeks after your baby is born. This is a professional learning relationship that will conclude following the final visit.

What are the benefits to you?

You will get to know your midwifery student, who will offer you support. Sharing your thoughts and feelings over this time with a designated midwifery student will give you the opportunity to develop a one-to-one relationship which most women find to be a positive and reassuring experience. Students are encouraged to provide care that is focused on your individual needs, expectations and aspirations. They are also keen to support you through your journey.

What are the benefits for the student?

Students learn first-hand about women's experiences during pregnancy, birth and the first six weeks with a new baby. This helps them to understand how they can better work with women and prepares them to work in a variety of models of care once they are registered midwives. Importantly, they get to understand a variety of perspectives and ways of thinking when caring for women and their families.

How do I find my own midwifery student?

Finding a midwifery student is easy. Sometimes a student may introduce themselves to you while you are attending an antenatal appointment or just out and about, but you do not need to wait until that happens. If you would like to have a midwifery student provide continuity of care throughout your pregnancy and birth please contact the COCE Coordinator at either University of South Australia or Flinders University, by email or submit an expression of interest (EOI) form found on the website address provided overleaf.

What happens then?

If you contact the COCE Coordinator from the University of your choice, they will allocate you a student. The student will be provided your name and contact and arrange to meet with you. After you have spoken directly with or met the student, they will ask you to complete a form which indicates that you agree for them to follow you through your pregnancy and birth. Once this form has been received you will be provided with a letter of confirmation from the University.

