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## **2022 Federation University Master/Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing)**

***(Leading to Maternal & Child Health (MCH) qualification)***

Dear Candidate

The following document outlines some of the frequently asked questions that will help you commence your journey to becoming a Maternal and Child Health practitioner.

To proceed with the Masters/Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing), you must first have a confirmed placement from a Victorian Council - Maternal and Child Health service. Information about how to apply for a clinical place is made available from the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) website from the beginning of July. We recommend you start submitting Expressions of Interest (EOI) to councils as early as late July - August.

<http://www.mav.asn.au/what-we-do/policy-advocacy/social-community/children-youth-family/maternal-and-child-health-children-0-6-years/maternal-and-child-health-resources#students>

Students undertaking the Masters/Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing) at Federation University are eligible to receive a Commonwealth Supported Place. For all information about CSP eligibility please contact Federation University Student Fees via email studentfees@federation.edu.au. The program at Federation University offers student and avenue to pursue Master’s level study following the successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing). This pathway provides a platform for developing advanced levels skills in the creation and application of evidence-based practice that will be used to inform your own practice.

If you have any queries about the program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

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### Enrolment

Students seeking admission to the Masters/Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health) must hold a current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as **both** a Nurse and a Midwife in Australia.

In addition, applicants must also have a minimum 12month EFT post registration experience in each of nursing and midwifery practice.

The Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing) comprises 120 Credit Points made up of eight 15 Credit Point courses. The structure of the full-time program is outlined in the table below.

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| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
| HEALM6301 | Child & Family Health Assessment 1 (120 Hours) | 15 | HEALM6304 | Child & Family Health Assessment 2 (120 hours) | 15 |
| HEALM6302 | Family & Community Studies | 15 | Elective | Choice of 3 courses | 15 |
| HEALM6303 | Working in Partnerships with Families | 15 | HEALM6306 | Infant & Child Nutrition (60 hours) | 15 |
| HEALP6202 | Perinatal & Infant Mental Health 2 | 15 | HEALM6307 | Applied research for child and family health | 15 |

Students can undertake the program part-time over 2 years, or 18-months with course credits for RPL.

Mid-year entry is available for part-time applicants to complete over 18mths or 2 years with initial non-clinical courses with a secured clinical placement in the following year.

***Note: To have an individual discussion about the program pathway most suitable for you, please contact the Program Coordinator.***

Following the successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing) you will be eligible to practice as an MCH clinician.

Following the successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing) you will be invited to continue your studies at the master’s level where you will undertake the following research courses as part of that program.

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| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|  | Elective Course  | 30 | HEALT7002 | Research Thesis A | 30 |
|  | Elective Course  | 30 | HEALT7003 | Research Thesis B | 30 |

For a brief overview of each of the courses please follow the link below for Federation University ‘Course Finder’ and search for Child and Family Health Nursing https://study.federation.edu.au/

**Credit**

Where a student can demonstrate that they have undertaken an equivalent course at a post-graduate level either at Federation University or another Higher Education provider an application can be made for Credit.

**Clinical Practicum**

The Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing) program requires that students complete 300 hours of clinical experience. Information about how to apply for a clinical place is made available from the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) website from the beginning of July. We recommend that you start submitting Expressions of Interest (EOI) to councils from August.

Applicants can begin the admission process to Federation University whilst awaiting EOI outcome. Once placement is secured, a letter confirming placement is uploaded to Federation University Admissions which will progress your application to enrolment.

***Confirmation of a placement with a MCH service - Local Council is a requirement for consideration for acceptance into the Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health) at Federation University.***

Prospective students can access the MAV website and submit a confirmation of the placement as part of the application process. The MCH Applicant Information Pack and EOI as well as a list of Councils and available places is available from the MAV website, under ‘Aspiring MCH Students’.

<http://www.mav.asn.au/what-we-do/policy-advocacy/social-community/children-youth-family/maternal-and-child-health-children-0-6-years/maternal-and-child-health-resources#students>

Clinical experience will be undertaken in Local Council MCH services (240 hours) as well as speciality services that are closely associated with the role of the MCH Nurse (60 hours). The table below outlines the Courses within the program that have clinical practicum associated with them as well as the hours required.

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| SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
| HEALM6301 | Child & Family Health Assessment 1 **(120 Hours)** | 15 | HEALM6304 | Child & Family Health Assessment 2 **(120 hours)** | 15 |
|  | HEALM6306 | Infant & Child Nutrition **(60 hours)** | 15 |

## **Program Fee Structure**

At Federation University students are eligible to apply for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) to undertake the Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing).

\*For all information about CSP eligibility please contact Federation University Student Fees via email studentfees@federation.edu.au or for more information about Commonwealth Assistance with fees please see: http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/helppayingmyfees

### Program Delivery

Students may elect to study the Graduate Diploma of Health (Child and Family Health Nursing) in a full-time mode over 1 year or part-time over 2 years (or 18-months if credits given for RPL).

Each of the courses is offered in what is called a ‘blended’ mode of delivery. This means that there is an online component as well some face-face interaction[[1]](#footnote-1) with academic staff and students during the periods of on-campus residential blocks of learning.

Federation University has a long history of delivering successful online learning, using a range of strategies to engage and support learners with their journey. Using the flipped-classroom model of active learning, students engage in a series of academic set exercises and then attend the active learning sessions with their responses and questions to engage in dialogue with their peers under the guidance of an academic expert. Case study-based learning also supports the immersion of students into the role of the MCH nurse and is a strong theme throughout the program.

Periods of residential block learning are conducted on-campus[[2]](#footnote-2) where students not only engage with their peers but also undertake clinical skill development.

### Making an application

Students interested in starting their career as a MCH Nurse can make a Direct Application to Federation University from late July each year. For information about all the courses that are available at Federation University follow the link https://study.federation.edu.au/

Federation University will accept applications for this program into the new year on the proviso that the student has a secured Clinical placement with an MCH service.

### Additional requirements

### Students will not be permitted to undertake an MCH clinical experience without the completion of the mandatory documentation including:

### Certification of immunisation status

### A contemporary Working with Children Check

### A contemporary Police Check

### NB: It is the responsibility of the student to arrange the necessary documentation. Any costs associated with these checks are the responsibility of the student.

### Further Information

Please contact the Student HQ Team on 1800 333 864 who are happy to help direct your queries appropriately.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dr Rayleen Breach

Program Coordinator

1. This may be modified in line with COVID-19 restrictions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This may be modified in line with COVID-19 restrictions. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)