

Assistant in Nursing or Midwifery

What does an Assistant in Nursing and Midwifery Do?

Assistants working with registered and enrolled nurses and midwives are commonly known as Assistants in Nursing (AINs) or Assistants in Midwifery (AIMs). AIN / AIMs have been utilised in the Australian healthcare system for many years providing a valuable contribution to the health workforce. Whilst the majority of AINs have traditionally been employed in the aged care sector, more recently their roles have extended to support nurses and midwives in an increasingly broad range of settings and practices¹

Skill Level

- Certificate III Assistant in Nursing – Acute Care Nursing or Aged Care; or
- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate Registered Nursing or Registered Midwifery

A day in the life of an Assistant in Nursing or Midwifery

- Assist with person-centred care as directed and supervised by a registered nurse or midwife. Care could include mobility, communication needs, personal care, assisting the midwife
- Assist nursing and midwifery staff with routine technical support functions including setting up for procedures, cleaning equipment and completing basic documentation
- Maintain accurate detailed patient records to meet legislative requirements

What sort of person should I be?

- Flexible in order to meet the many and varied challenges
- Friendly, warm, caring and empathetic
- Skilled at both written and verbal communication
- An organised, clear and lateral thinker
- Able to relate to people of varied backgrounds
- Able to adapt to new situations
- Able to work with others in a team

¹ ACN Position Statement