

# Becoming a Midwife at John Hunter Hospital

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The John Hunter Hospital is the Principle referral centre, teaching hospital and community hospital for Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and beyond. It is the only trauma centre in NSW outside Sydney and has the busiest emergency department and largest neonatal nursery in the state of New South Wales.

John Hunter is the region's largest hospital with around 550 beds and 4500 births a year. Our Maternity Service offers women in our region a number of women centred, continuity of care options for maternity care including: Midwifery Group Practice, Home Birth, Birth Centre Philosophy Care, AMIHS service, Family Care Midwifery, Higher Risk Continuity of Care models and midwifery student lead Clinics and Continuity of Care Experiences.

We are large tertiary referral centre for the Hunter New England Local Health District, and beyond, caring for women experiencing complications during pregnancy, birth & the postnatal period. We work within collaborative models of care and have a well-established inter-professional teams approach, partnering with women and their families to plan and explore best care options when pregnancy is complex.

The John Hunter Maternity Service has a Primary Health Care focus, where culturally appropriate woman centred care and inclusiveness underpin this focus. John Hunter Maternity offers: community venues for maternity services, care in the home (including antenatal, birth & postnatal services), and is committed

to expanding continuity of care and woman centred midwifery services in response to best practice guidelines to better meet the needs of women in our community.

Midwifery students at the John Hunter Hospital will have an opportunity to experience midwifery practice in a diverse and dynamic environment where the focus on education and training will not only meet the clinical requirements of the University Program but will also help prepare The midwifery student for future practice in midwifery teams or case load midwifery practice. Employment as a midwifery student at John Hunter includes rotational experiences throughout the maternity units, student led clinic's and some community venues.

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