

Becoming a Midwife at Moree District Health Service

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Moree is situated on the black soil plains of North West NSW and is located between the Mehi and Gwydir river systems.

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Moree Plains Shire hosts one of the richest agricultural producing areas in Australia including cropping and livestock farming. Moree boasts a range of excellent sporting facilities and clubs including a golf course, racecourse with regular meetings, modern swimming and wellness complex (including Hot Spa pools), and gyms. Moree offers major supermarket chains, as well as a range of excellent coffee shops, restaurants, galleries and charming local boutiques. Moree has a population of 7,000 people and is culturally diverse. The Moree area has a rich cultural heritage associated with the Kamilaroi People as well as a wide range of nature based outdoor recreational activities available nearby. Moree Health Service provides accommodation to midwifery students at a nominal cost, with secure parking.

Our eight bed maternity unit is staffed by a team of highly competent midwives. Two GP Obstetricians work along-side the midwives in the Unit. Our birth rate is approximately 140 births annually. The Unit has two birthing rooms with a shared en-suite.

Student midwives have access to experience in all areas of midwifery care and are an integral part of the team, welcomed by midwifery and medical staff. There is no other competition for hands on clinical experience and the student midwife works on a rotational roster. Services for

women and families include shared GP/midwife pregnancy care, via a weekly clinic in the community health environment, outreach clinics to service nearby towns that don't provide birthing services, a visiting monthly maternal Fetal Medicine clinic for women whom are experiencing a high risk pregnancy, labour/birth and postnatal care, plus preparation for parenthood classes. Moree Maternity Unit has a record of promoting normal active birth within our community; this is reflected by our low intervention and caesarean section rates.

Moree has a community-based Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service (staffed by a midwife and an Aboriginal health worker) and parenting education classes. This team is closely aligned with the Maternity Unit and provides opportunity for midwifery students to experience practice in community settings, as well as in the hospital. As part of the Graduate Diploma in Midwifery students based at Moree will rotate for some weeks to either Tamworth or Armidale Maternity units and special care nurseries to gain experiences which are necessary to meet the course requirements.

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