

Becoming a Midwife at Narrabri District Health Service

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https://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/our_services2/having-a-baby/narrabri_hospital

Narrabri community is an exciting area of regional New South Wales with plenty to offer anyone wishing to pursue a vibrant and busy country lifestyle. The expansive blue sky, stunning mountain ranges, scenic water ways and fresh air will encourage you to explore and share your experiences from this diverse area.

The area has diversified from its traditional agricultural base to mining. There are modern cafés and restaurants as well as a state-of-the-art theatre complex bringing the latest movies and live performances to the community.

There is a wide assortment of social, cultural and sporting events to keep people of all ages and tastes entertained.

Narrabri District Health Service is a 38-bed community acute facility with district level services in maternity, surgery and general medicine. The health service receives referrals from a wide geographical area including communities west of Narrabri.

Care through the Maternity Unit at Narrabri is provided by midwives, in collaboration with GP obstetricians, for approximately 100 women and newborn babes each year. The focus is primarily on normal pregnancy and birth

>37 weeks and low level neonatal care. Women and babies needing higher level care or specialist neonatal care are referred to Tamworth, or to a tertiary centre such as John Hunter Hospital.

Student midwives have access to experience in all areas of midwifery care antenatal, labour, birthing and postnatal 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 flexible supernumerary roster.

Services in Narrabri include antenatal clinics in a community health environment, Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Service (staffed by a midwife and an Aboriginal health worker) and parenting education classes

As part of the Graduate Diploma in Midwifery students based at Narrabri 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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