

College of Nursing and Midwifery



FAQ – Clinical Teaching Blocks and nomination process for midwifery students



Clinical Teaching Block Information

Units in the Bachelor of Midwifery are offered online with face-to-face teaching attended during clinical teaching blocks (CTBs). CTBs are mandatory for students to pass their clinical skills assessments and must be completed before placement for MID101, MID102, MID202 and MID303.

Note: The placement office uses the term “Simulation Block”. This is the same as a CTB.

What is a CTB? A Clinical Teaching Block (CTB) is a compulsory study block where students learn and practice their clinical skills in a simulated environment prior to clinical placement.

What is the difference between a CTB and a placement? A CTB is an educational activity where students practice midwifery activities and skills prior to placement in a simulated environment on the clinical labs on campus. These are designed to begin integrating your knowledge from your theory units into key skills you will use in the clinical setting on clinical placement. Clinical Placement takes place in a real clinical practice setting such as a hospital, a midwifery group practice or a homebirth setting.

Can I do a placement before my CTB? No. Students must successfully complete the CTB (and provide all pre-clinical documents) before they can attend the associated placement.

I have to go to Darwin/Sydney for my CTB. Is accommodation supplied? Travel and accommodation arrangements associated with CTBs are solely the responsibility of the student. On campus accommodation may be available at Darwin. Please see details at <https://ihd.cdu.edu.au/> There is no specific CDU campus accommodation in Sydney.

Can I attend a CTB if I am not enrolled in the unit? No. Students who are not enrolled will not be permitted to attend a CTB. Students are responsible for enrolling themselves in the appropriate placement unit by the deadline date.

How do I nominate for a CTB? Log into the nomination portal here

Check your
Pre-Clinical Status

Click the button and follow the prompts. Or you can paste this link into your browser:

<https://portal.cdu.edu.au/my.policy>

An Online Placement Nomination button is located at the end of the information under the Simulation Block tab.

Why do I have to nominate for a CTB? Students must nominate for a CTB because blocks are timetabled throughout the semester at specific times. There are limits as to how many students can be accommodated in the teaching spaces each week.

When do I have to nominate? The nomination period for CTBs are in Semester 1 and Semester 2. The Placement Office advises all students of the dates well before the actual nomination period opens. Students must nominate within the stated date range. It is strongly recommended students make a note or place a reminder of the dates in their diaries.

Can I request a specific date and/or venue for a CTB? Students can give their preferences for CTB venue but not for specific dates. While the Placement Office will do their best to accommodate preferences, the College reserves the right to allocate students to any CTB venue and date and there is no guarantee student preferences will be met.

My nomination has one of the following messages: Error or You have already nominated or Breach. What do I do? Error message: Try a different web browser eg Mozilla or Chrome. Breach or You have already nominated message: Contact the Placement office, your account may need to be reset: midwifplac@cdu.edu.au

What happens after I have nominated? Once nominations close, the Placement Office begins the process of allocating and confirming students to a CTB. This can take 6 to 8 weeks to complete.

Students are requested to be patient while this process is completed. Students are advised via their CDU Student email account of the date and location of their CTB. All CTB notifications are sent only to CDU student email addresses.

Can I change the date or location of my CTB? Students are expected to attend CTB on the date and at the venue advised by the Placement Office. There is no guarantee the Placement Office can accommodate changes to CTB dates or venues.

When I am assigned to a CTB, does that mean I am enrolled in the unit? No. These are different processes. Once students have received confirmation of a CTB place, you must then enrol into the relevant unit. You will need to have met all unit pre-requisites before enrolling.

Do I have to wear CDU uniform at CTB? Yes. Students are required to wear full CDU Student uniform at CTB. See the *Clinical Placement Resource Manual* for information, available from the [College Central](#) site on Learnline.

Where can I get a CDU student and student identification (ID) from? Students use their CDU Student Card as identification. Student Cards are available from the My CDU web site <https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/my-cdu>

CDU Student shirts are available from the CDU Bookshop Online Store or at the Darwin campus. <https://www.cdu.edu.au/bookshop>

What should I bring with me to CTB? Prescribed text books relevant to the unit, uniform for up to 5 days or ensure you have the ability to launder clothes at or near your accommodation, student ID card, Fob watch - wrist watches are not appropriate in clinical settings - covered in shoes that meet CDU Student uniform requirements. See the *Clinical Placement Resource Manual* for more information.

What study do I need to do before the CTB? Students need to log in to the relevant Learnline unit for the CTB as soon as they are enrolled to access information about placement unit requirements.

Can I start recruiting Continuity of Care women before CTB/Placement? No. You must complete your first placement before recruiting CoCs.

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