The following table summarises the scope of practice for third year level for the CDU direct entry BM students. It indicates the level of midwifery skills and knowledge students should be able to demonstrate during their placement. All students uphold the philosophy of midwifery practice as stated by the Australian College of Midwives and provide evidence-informed rationales for all midwifery actions. They must demonstrate professional accountability and responsibility for their actions & behaviour, according to their scope of practice & the ANMC Competency Standards, Code of Ethics and Practice. CDU’s BM students are ‘learners’ and are not part of the workforce (as distinct from the RN in an Employed Midwifery Student Program). Irrespective of past experience they work with close supervision from a RM.

**DIRECT SUPERVISION**

Direct supervision means the midwife preceptoring the student is present and personally supervises, works with, guides and directs the student. This does not mean the student is in the preceptors direct line of sight at all times but the preceptor knows where the student is at all times and any new skills are performed under supervision.

### MID303&306: Professional Midwifery Practice 3&4

- **Advanced-beginner. Minimal cues; minimal supervision**
  - Under the direct supervision of a midwife or equivalent, and in collaboration with the woman and where appropriate, other health care providers, form and implement own clinical decisions. Manage a small caseload of women (6-8).

- Demonstrate professional communication, conduct and evidence-informed decision-making in all aspects of midwifery practice across a range of cultural settings & acuity levels.

- Confidently provide accurate, logical, concise and appropriate recording and reporting of client/patient data (oral & written) to the health care team.

- Manage a small caseload of women (6-8) under the direct supervision of a midwife or equivalent.

- Assessment, planning, evidence-informed intervention, rationales and evaluation) for women/patients requiring medication:
  - Further develop skills in the safe administration of medicines via the oral, topical and parenteral routes
  - Manage medication regimes across varying modalities
  - Intravenous therapy regimes including IV antibiotics; narcotic infusions, epidurals & PCAs
  - Demonstrate knowledge about the storage and use of Schedule 2, 4 and 8 medications according to facility, statutory, State and Commonwealth Law
  - Discuss the pharmacology & pharmacokinetics of medications administered by the student

- Discuss evidence-based collaborative management of women/patients who require the above interventions.

- Recognise and assist with collaborative management of women experiencing challenges during their childbearing episode:
  - Women with mental health problems
  - Withdrawal syndrome and / or dependency behaviours (including working with AOD team)
  - Cognitively impaired patients
  - Medical /surgical complications
  - Sexually transmitted infection/s
  - Perinatal loss- early and late
  - Birth of a baby with a congenital disorder

- Assist with family planning options

- Provide evidence-based midwifery care for women experiencing the following complications:
  - Antepartum haemorrhage/ Hypertension/preeclampsia/eclampsia/ Shoulder Dystocia'
  - Breech Birth/ Multiple pregnancy and birth/ Cord presentation and prolapse
  - Cardiac disease/ Renal disease

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### MID301: Women’s Health

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- Discuss evidence-informed rationales for implementing designated midwifery/women’s health care;
- Demonstrate timely & accurate communication, documentation and evidence informed decision-making which addresses cultural safety & awareness.

Contribute to the management of well women utilizing screening including breast screening/family planning and reproductive medicine.

Provide pre and post-surgical care to women undergoing gynaecological surgery.

Provide care to women with medical complications – diabetes/cardiac disease/breast cancer.

Administer medications as per scope of practice.

### MID307: Specialist Neonatal Care

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- Discuss evidence-informed rationales for implementing designated midwifery care;
- Demonstrate timely & accurate communication, documentation and evidence informed decision-making which addresses cultural safety & awareness.

Discuss evidence-informed rationales for implementing designated midwifery care;

- Assess and care for well preterm infants
  - incubator care
  - vital signs
  - monitor for hypoglycaemia
  - hygiene
  - oro/naso gastric feeding
  - supplemental oxygen
  - oral/IV medications
  - phototherapy