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FIJI MIDWIFERY EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS

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INTRODUCTION



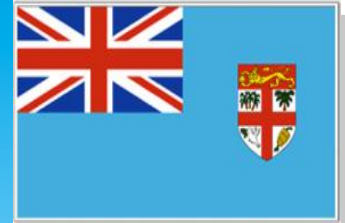
- ❖ Midwifery is an essential profession to ensure that the right of every mother and newborn child to survive is realized
- * There is continued need for quality Nursing and midwifery education and competent practitioners (WHO, 2014).
- * WHO Global strategic directions for strengthening nursing and midwifery 2016–2020 recommends
- * Review curricula to ensure that graduates are proficient in all essential competencies
- * set by government and the regulatory body.
- * Use the ICM and other education standards to improve quality and capacity.

VISION



- * MIDWIVES OF FIJI ARE AUTONOMOUS PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE, UTILISING SUSTAINABLE MIDWIFERY MODELS OF CARE WITHIN A CLINICAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK AND PROVIDING COLLABORATIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE WOMAN CENTERED CARE.

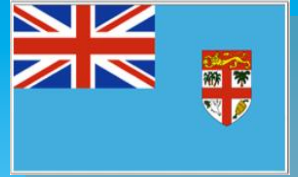
AIM OF BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY PROGRAM



To upgrade and align to

- * The Fiji National University (FNU) common course size
- * Fiji High Education Commission (FHEC) Framework based on the NZ model of education and international standard
- * Fiji Nursing Council requirements of clinical hours
- * International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) standard & WHO recommendation
- * To meet the midwifery workforce for Fiji and the region

History of Midwifery Training



- * 1895 - After the deed of session - Locally trained obstetric nurses.
- * Early 1900- nurse training was established with emphasis on obstetric nursing.
- * 1954 – NZ Basic Nursing taught alongside Fiji Basic program
- * 1964 – 6 months NZ Post Basic Midwifery Training began
- * 1976- Fiji Post Basic Certificate in Midwifery (6 months)
- * 2009 – 12 months Post Basic Diploma program began developed in collaboration with James Cook University (Usher, Rabuka, Nadakuitavuki, Tollefson & Luck 2004)

ICM EDUCATION STANDARD

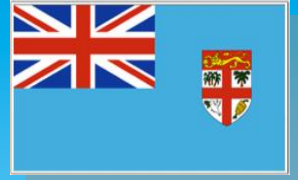


1. DIRECT ENTRY- 3 years Bachelor in Midwifery

High school entry

2. 18 MONTHS - Post Registration Bachelor in Midwifery

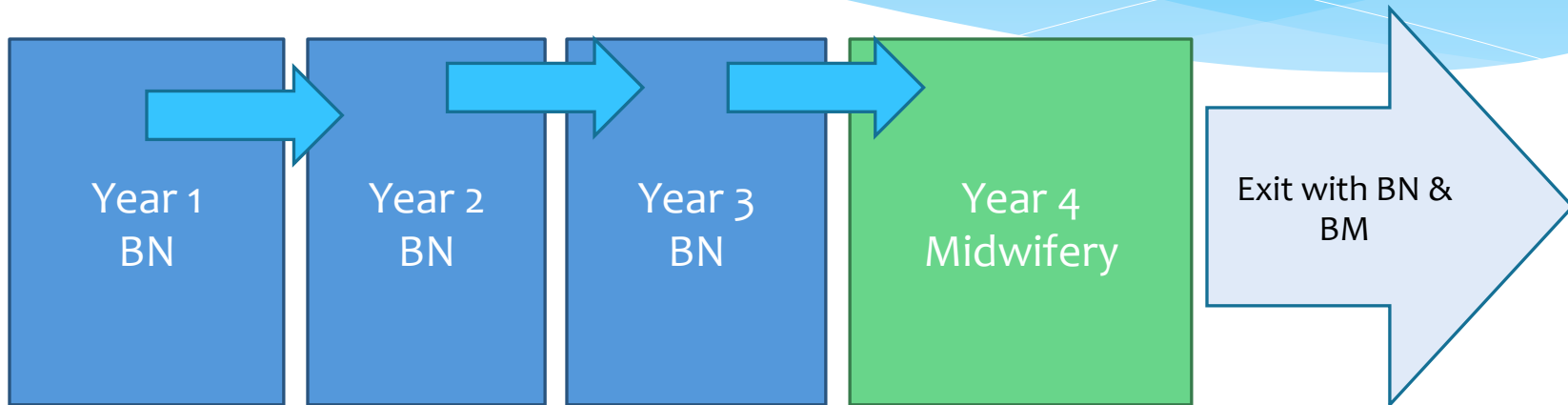
- * Minimum entry requirement:
 - * 2 years post nursing qualification
 - * 6 months current maternity experience

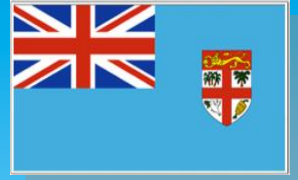


Bachelor in Midwifery

PROPOSED :

Option 1: One exit point

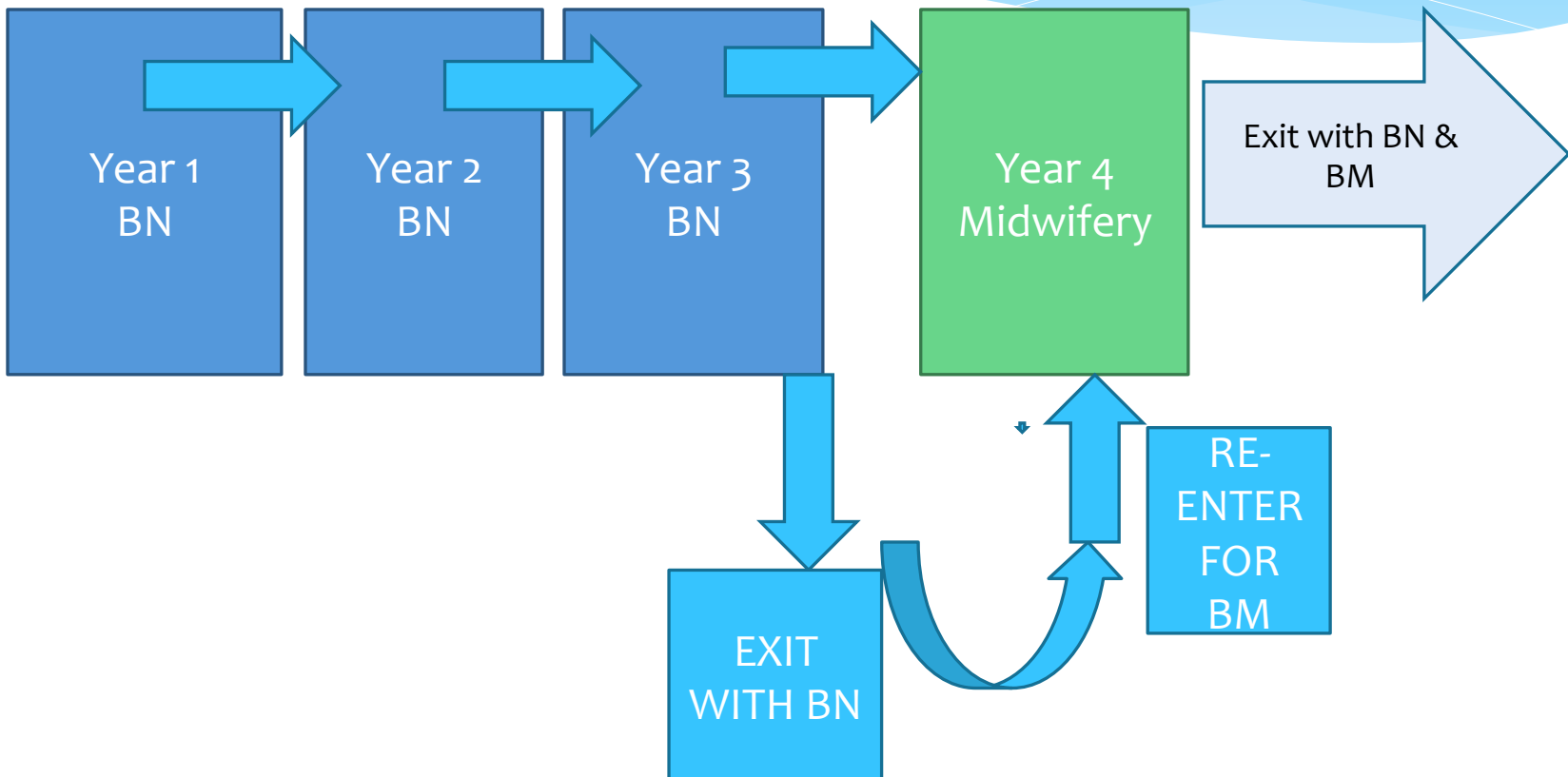




Bachelor in Midwifery

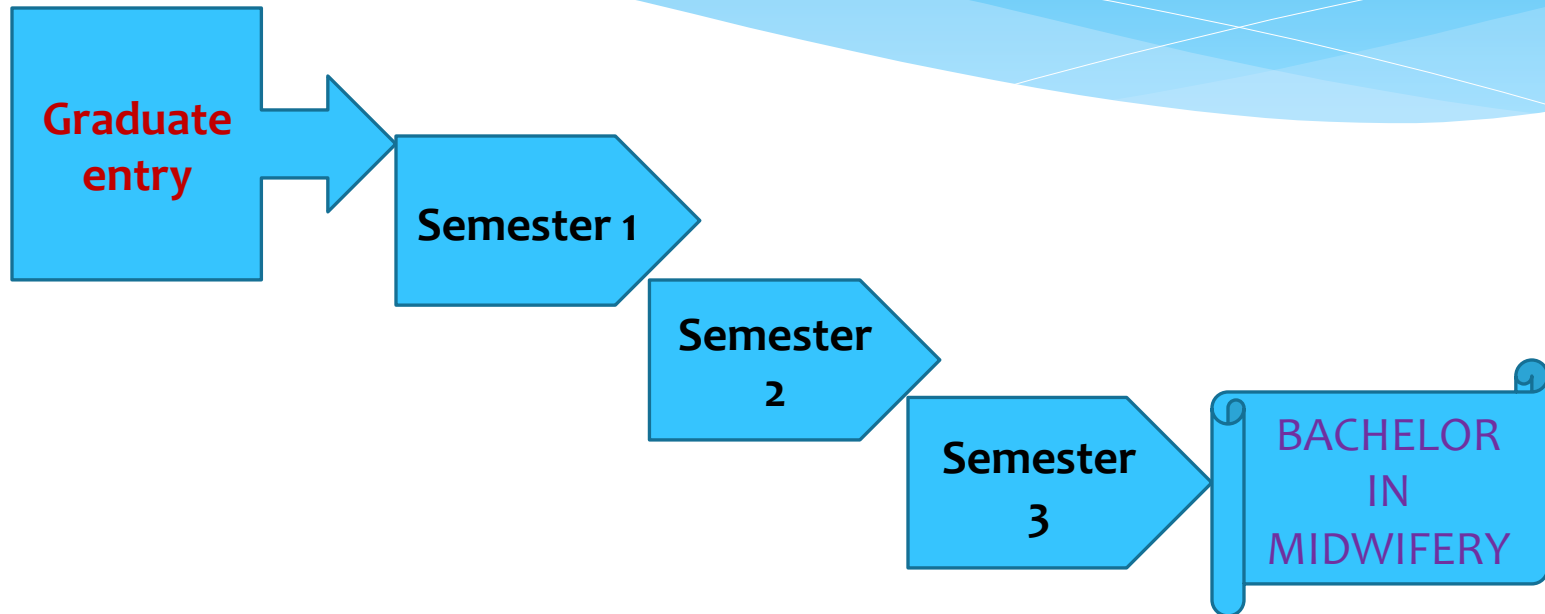
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Option 2: Multiple entry & exit point

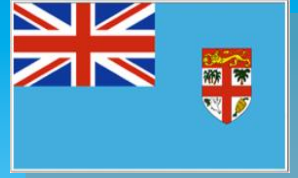


BACHELOR IN MIDWIFERY

18 MONTH PROGRAM-STAND ALONE



GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



PROFICIENT

CRITICAL THINKER

ETHICAL

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

COMPASSIONATE

ADAPATABLE

TEAM PLAYER

LEADER

BACHELOR IN MIDWIFERY: PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Time line	Course component	Duration	Credits	Level
SEMESTER 1	NMS 770-FOUNDATIONS OF MIDWIFERY PRACTICE	14wks	30	7
	NMS 771-NORMAL LABOUR, BIRTH AND PUERPERIUM	14wks	30	7
SEMESTER 2	NMS 772-PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEONATE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS	14 wks	45	7
	NMS 773-TRANSLATING RESEARCH IN MIDWIFERY	14wks.	15	7
SEMESTER 3	NMS 774- ADVANCE MIDWIFERY PRACTICE (PRAXIS)	16 wks.	60	7

Changes in learning hours



current

upgraded

- * 15 learning hours per CP
- * Course size vary
- * CP per semester vary
- * Theory – 10weeks =30%
- * Clinical – 28weeks = 70%
- * Length of study = 2 semesters

- * 10 learning hours per CP
- * Course size to a multiple of 15CP
- * 60 CP per semester
- * Theory – 16weeks = 40%
- * Clinical – 31weeks = 60%
- * Length of study = 3 semesters

Changes in upgraded program



Current program

Duration- 12 months

One entry level

One exit

One qualification

Limited number of candidates

Upgraded program

Duration – 18 months/4yr

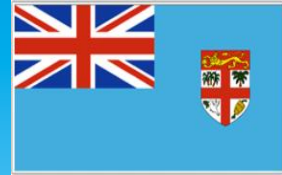
Multiple entry levels

Multiple exits

Double qualification possible

More candidates can enter

ADVANTAGE OF UPGRADED MIDWIFERY PROGRAM



- * The program is benchmarked to ICM standard
- * Designed to meet the FNU common course size
- * Based on the FHEC Framework benchmarked to International standard
- * Meet the Fiji Nursing Council requirement
- * Strengthen autonomous Midwifery practice
- * Strengthen Midwifery society of Fiji and the region
- * 4 year program will Increase number of midwives to meet the reproductive Health need of the people

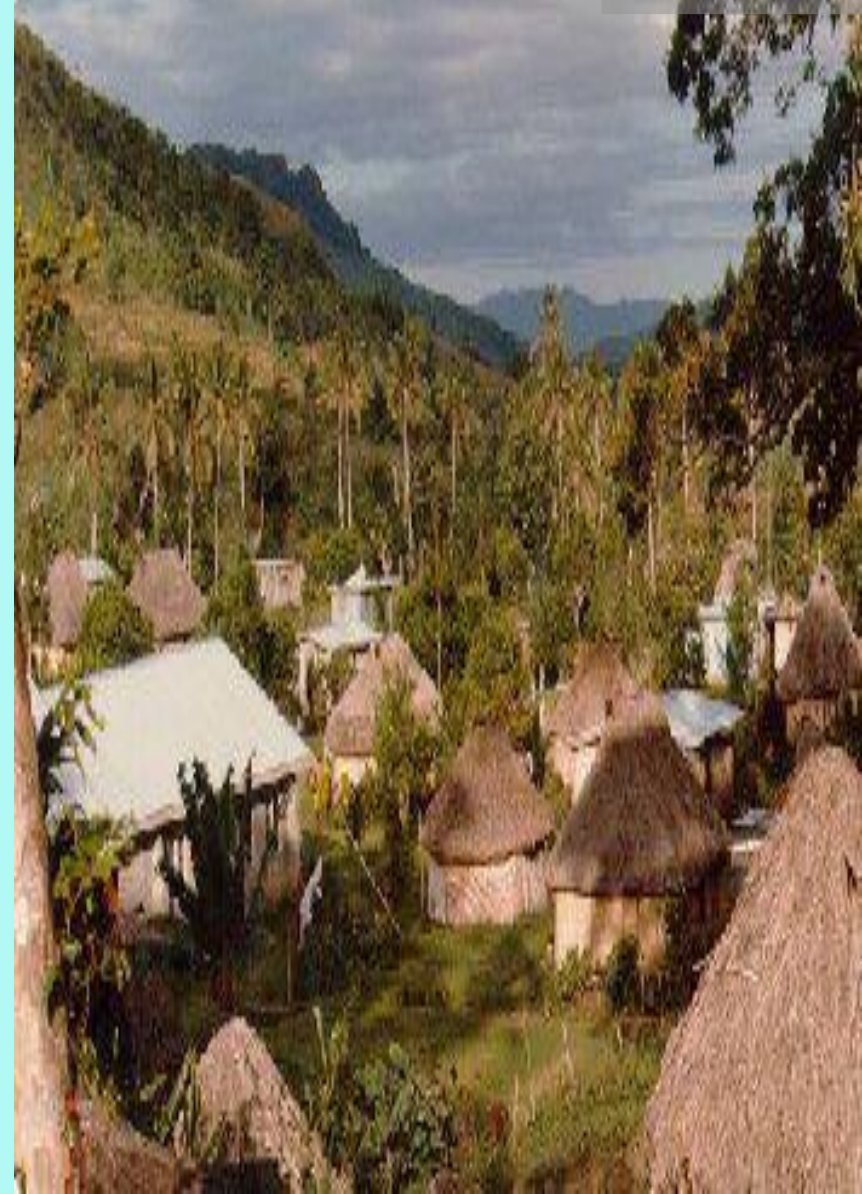
WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?



* Midwives to meet the needs of our people in FIJI and the Pacific region.

Midwives:

- competent
- utilize sustainable midwifery models of care within clinical governance framework
- provide collaborative and accountable **women centered care.**
- autonomous professionals



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

ANY QUESTIONS ?





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