OBA NURSING ACADEMY

2026–27

PROGRAM BROCHURE

Midwifery OBA: MCQ, OSCE, Fetal Monitoring and Maternity Crisis

Online, self-paced preparation for internationally qualified midwives sitting the NMBA outcomes-based assessment: the midwifery MCQ and the midwifery OSCE, with a full fetal monitoring and maternity emergency program built in.



~12 weeks

self-paced online, about 187 hours of study

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For internationally qualified midwives
Program code OBA-MW-2026

01 · YOUR PATHWAY

From overseas midwife to registered midwife in Australia

To practise as a midwife in Australia you must be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) through Ahpra. Most internationally qualified midwives whose qualification is not substantially equivalent complete the **outcomes-based assessment (OBA)**: a multiple-choice exam, then a clinical exam.

1 **NMBA Self-check and Portfolio** OBA Module 00

The Self-check tells you your stream. If you are placed in the stream that requires the outcomes-based assessment, you complete Orientation Part 1 and your Portfolio with Ahpra.

2 **Midwifery MCQ exam** OBA Parts A, B and D

180 questions in three hours, computer-based, delivered by Aspeq at test centres in most countries. You need 70% overall and 70% in a group of hidden safety questions.

3 **Midwifery OSCE** OBA Part C

10 stations of 12 minutes each (2 minutes reading, 10 minutes performance) across antenatal, intrapartum, postnatal and neonatal care, held at RANZCOG in Melbourne.

4 **Registration and Orientation Part 2**

After an OSCE pass you apply for registration. Results arrive within 2 weeks of the MCQ and within 8 weeks of the OSCE.

Built from the current NMBA handbooks

The program follows the NMBA Midwifery MCQ and Midwifery OSCE candidate handbooks dated 7 July 2026 and the NMBA Midwife standards for practice. All practice questions and stations are original: no recalled exam content is used.

02 · WHO IT IS FOR

Is this program for you?

To enrol you need

- ✓ A midwifery qualification from outside Australia and New Zealand
- ✓ An NMBA outcome, or an expected outcome, that requires the midwifery MCQ and OSCE
- ✓ A computer with a current web browser and a stable internet connection
- ✓ Enough English to study online: all teaching and assessment is in English

Midwives with authority to practise in New Zealand apply under trans-Tasman mutual recognition and do not need this program. Registered nurses should see the OBA nursing pathways.

What you get

36 lesson decks
19 modules and 17 fetal monitoring and maternity crisis chapters

36 fillable workbooks
One per module and chapter, to save and resubmit

2 online mock MCQ exams
180 questions each, timed three-hour mode or untimed with rationales

30-station OSCE simulator
2 minutes reading, 10 minutes performance, as in the real exam

FMMC certification
51 questions and 10 CTG cases, 80% to pass

Clinical Skills Book
39 skills with Satisfactory / Not yet satisfactory criteria for simulated-lab practice

Requirements as published by the NMBA and Ahpra at October 2026. They can change: check nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au before you apply.

03 · THE PROGRAM

Four parts, one exam-ready midwife

About 187 hours of self-paced study, or around 12 weeks at 16 hours a week. Access opens once your enrolment is confirmed.

Part A · Orientation and professional practice

Modules 00–02

The NMBA assessment pathway; regulation, standards and professional midwifery practice in Australia; woman-centred, culturally safe and trauma-informed care.

Part B · MCQ knowledge

Modules 03–14

Well woman health and preconception care · normal and complex pregnancy · physiological and complex labour and birth · postnatal care · breastfeeding and infant feeding · the newborn · the unwell newborn and neonatal resuscitation · perinatal mental health · pharmacology and medicine calculations · clinical safety, infection prevention and the deteriorating woman.

Part C · OSCE skills

Modules 15–18 + simulator

OSCE method, communication and documentation; core clinical skills; antenatal and intrapartum skills; postnatal, neonatal and perinatal mental health skills; then the 30-station simulator and practice checklists.

Part D · Fetal Monitoring and Maternity Crisis (FMMC)

17 chapters + certification

Fetal physiology, intermittent auscultation and CTG interpretation to RANZCOG guidance, then the obstetric emergencies. Details on page 5.

Mock examinations and readiness

Final weeks

Two full mock MCQ papers, the assessment guide and a readiness self-assessment with study and item logs.

04 · FETAL MONITORING AND MATERNITY CRISIS

Fetal surveillance and the structured response to emergencies

FMMC is an original OBA program anchored to RANZCOG intrapartum fetal surveillance guidance, SOMANZ and ANZCOR. It is assessed separately and leads to an OBA FMMC certificate.

Fetal monitoring · Chapters 1–8

- Fetal physiology and the fetal response to labour
- Intermittent auscultation
- Antenatal fetal surveillance and the antenatal CTG
- CTG features: baseline, variability, accelerations, decelerations
- CTG classification, escalation and documentation
- Errors, limitations and adjuncts
- CTG in clinical context
- CTG training simulator and competency assessment

Maternity crisis · Chapters 9–17

- Hypertensive disorders, pre-eclampsia and eclampsia
- Antepartum haemorrhage
- Postpartum haemorrhage
- Shoulder dystocia
- Cord prolapse and cord presentation
- Uterine rupture and uterine inversion
- Maternal sepsis
- Maternal collapse and resuscitation
- Human factors and teamwork in emergencies

How you are assessed

2 × 180
full mock MCQ papers, marked to the NMBA rule of 70% overall and 70% on safety items

80%
FMMC certification: 51 questions plus 10 CTG cases

30
original OSCE practice stations with critical-criteria marking

CTG traces in the program are synthetic teaching traces, labelled as such.

05 · FEES AND COSTS

What the pathway costs

All amounts in Australian dollars. NMBA, Ahpra and Aspeq fees are paid directly to them, not to OBA.

OBA program fee

The OBA program fee is available on request. Email **info@obana.com.au** and we will send you the current fee schedule.

Regulator and exam fees you pay directly

Ahpra · IQNM assessment fee (Self-check and Portfolio)	**$410**
Aspeq · Midwifery MCQ exam, per sitting	**$186.27** + local sitting fee
Ahpra · Midwifery OSCE, per sitting (RANZCOG, Melbourne)	**$4,000**
Ahpra · Registration application and registration fees	Set by Ahpra
Visas, travel to Melbourne, accommodation and checks	Your own cost

Fees as published by the NMBA and Ahpra at October 2026. MCQ bookings outside Australia and New Zealand, remote invigilation and reasonable adjustments can attract extra fees. A re-sit means paying the exam fee again. Check nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au for current fees.

06 · IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read before you enrol

Visas and migration

• OBA does not give migration or visa advice. Please speak to a registered migration agent about any visa, including travel to Melbourne for the OSCE.

Self-paced
Study online at your own pace. The weekly estimate is a guide, not a timetable.

No patient care
The program is online. Practical skills are practised on manikins and with role-players only.

Privacy
Your results are private. OBA shares them with an agent or employer only with your written consent.

Complaints
Email info@obana.com.au. We acknowledge within 2 business days. Exam appeals go to Ahpra.

Disclaimers

• This is a non-accredited professional development program. OBA is not a registered training organisation, and the program does not lead to a qualification or to registration.

• OBA is not affiliated with or endorsed by the NMBA, Ahpra, Aspeq or RANZCOG. A pass in the MCQ or OSCE is not guaranteed.

• FMMC is an original OBA program. It is not affiliated with any commercial fetal monitoring training provider.

• OBA does not deliver English language tuition and does not place candidates in employment.

• Regulator fees and requirements are set by the NMBA, Ahpra and Aspeq and can change without notice.

07 · HOW TO ENROL

Ready to start?

1. **Check your stream**
   Complete the NMBA Self-check to confirm you need the midwifery MCQ and OSCE.

2. **Contact OBA**
   Send us your midwifery qualification and your Self-check outcome. We confirm the program suits you and send the fee schedule.

3. **Enrol and begin**
   Complete enrolment and payment with OBA. Your online access opens, starting with Module 00.

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