



Internationally Qualified Midwife - Continuity of Care Experience

Letter to participants

You are invited to participate in a Continuity of Care Experience program, designed to provide midwifery professional experience in the Australian maternity system for Internationally Qualified Midwives undergoing supervised practice.

The Continuity of Care Experience aims to prepare IQMs to work in Australian maternity settings according to the internationally defined role and scope of practice of the midwife, where a midwife is able to facilitate care of a woman and her newborn child where the pregnancy is normal.

If you agree to be part of the Continuity of Care Experience program it will mean IQM

(insert IQM name & phone)

will be in regular contact with you during your pregnancy and, at your discretion, may accompany you to any appointments related to your pregnancy and postnatal care.

IQMs must invest an average of 15-20 hours per Continuity of Care Experience, including 4 antenatal visits, 2 postnatal visits and, with your permission may be available to support you (and your partner) during your birth. The IQM will only be providing support for you during this time and will not be practising as a midwife. The benefit to you will be the development of a one-on-one supportive relationship, shown by research to be beneficial.

Through this program, the midwife will be supported by an IQM Supervisor, who is registered as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

(insert IQM Supervisor name & phone)

Your privacy and confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Real names will not be used in any documenting or recording of experiences. You can withdraw from the program at any time, but we would appreciate you notifying the IQM Supervisor if you find this necessary. The IQM Supervisor may contact you by phone at a time convenient to you to answer any questions you may have about the program. If at any time you have any further questions or concerns about the program, feel free to contact them.

If you agree to be part of the Continuity of Care Experience program, we ask that you sign the consent form provided and return it to the IQM.