

Position Description – Senior Lecturer

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POSITION DETAILS

College/Portfolio	College of Health and Enablement
Organisational Unit	Midwifery
Supervisor (Title)	Dean, People and Resources (or Delegate)
Classification	Teaching Specialist (Clinical / Practitioner) Level C
Employment Type	Continuing, Full-Time

POSITION SUMMARY

This Teaching Specialist (Clinical/Practitioner) position, with its primary focus on teaching and teaching-related activities and has an important role to play in the University's achievement of its strategic plan, Impact. With Purpose: The 2035 Agenda.

The University is committed to a student-centred ethos and to developing creative, enterprising, career-ready graduates prepared to become lifelong contributors to society. In accordance with the strategic plan, the University seeks to:

- deliver a richly interactive and personalised approach to learning focussed on student success;
- be an international leader in educational innovation, advanced learning technologies and learning analytics; and
- develop enterprising graduates equipped with the skills required for success in the knowledge economy.

The Senior Lecturer will provide leadership in delivering excellence in teaching and learning across the suite of Midwifery topics and courses in the College of Health and Enablement. The Senior Lecturer will be responsible for making a significant and wide-ranging contribution to leadership in teaching and scholarship of teaching using innovations in teaching practices and technologies to deliver excellence in teaching. They will be expected to draw upon their significant and senior roles in clinical practice to develop industry partnerships for work integrated learning, deliver innovative placement models and provide contemporary and high-quality placement education, both through clinical skills training, simulation and service provision. The Senior Lecturer will also have a key leadership role in service to the College and/or University. The Senior Lecturer will also be expected to concurrently engage in practice in a clinical or community setting to support maintenance of contemporary practice, knowledge and skills.

The Senior Lecturer may also be involved in teaching across other courses in the College of Health and Enablement or other Colleges. The Senior Lecturer will be required to make an significant, wide-ranging, independent, high-quality contribution to strengthening existing partnerships or exploring new partnerships with external stakeholders that have the potential for providing improved teaching, learning and/or research outcomes for the University. The Senior Lecturer will prioritise, coordinate, monitor workflow and provide informal day-to-day feedback to academic teaching staff according to the University's policies, practices and standards.

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UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS AND VALUES

All staff at Flinders are responsible for understanding their obligations and responsibilities as set out in the University's code of conduct and are expected to:

- demonstrate commitment to the University's values of Integrity, Courage, Innovation and Excellence
- demonstrate consistent alignment with the University's strategic priorities through daily decisions, teamwork and behaviours that reinforce the strategic intent.
- contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the team or work unit to meet the University's objectives. This includes demonstrating appropriate and professional workplace behaviours, providing assistance to team members, if required, and undertaking other key responsibilities or activities as directed by one's supervisor;
- promote and support an inclusive workplace culture which values diversity and embraces the principles of equal opportunity;
- perform their responsibilities in a manner which reflects and responds to continuous improvement; and
- familiarise themselves and comply with the University's *Work Health and Safety, Injury Management and Equal Opportunity* policies.

Flinders University is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment, free from gender-based violence. Appointment to this role is conditional on the completion of required pre-employment checks and declarations, each of which must be satisfactory to the University. This includes a Gender-Based Violence declaration, in accordance with the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence (2025), and a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.

In addition, it is a requirement of this position that the incumbent maintain a current Working With Children Check which is satisfactory to the University in accordance with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 (SA).

KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

This position is predominantly concerned with providing leadership and direction related to teaching and teaching-related duties involving the creation, delivery and continuous quality improvement of university-level education. It includes (but is not limited to): direct teaching informed by approaches that enhance the student experience; educational leadership; curriculum design and review; delivery innovation; advancements in education technologies; and leadership in ensuring internal and external compliance and accreditation of courses. The position is also expected to make a leadership contribution to high-quality university, professional and community service, which may extend from the local level to national or international. The position does not include making a research contribution however, it is expected that the Senior Lecturer will engage in the relevant activities to embed the NEXUS between research, education and practice.

Teaching:

- Create, coordinate and conduct inspiring teaching informed by approaches that enhance the student experience, with a focus on Midwifery topics, across all levels and modes of the College.
- Contribute to the planning and evaluation of these topics, undertaking the roles of Topic Coordinator and Course Coordinator as required.

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- Play a lead role in the review, renewal, development and design of curricula and courses that are attractive to existing and new cohorts of students and that nurture creativity and critical-thinking skills.
- Provide support, academic counselling and professional advice to students concerning their studies, professional development and career opportunities.
- Make effective use of innovations and technologies in teaching practice.
- Provide educational leadership and dissemination of best practice, ensuring awareness and utilisation of contemporary education principles.
- Engage in coaching, mentoring, supervising student projects; research higher degree supervision as an Adjunct Supervisor.

University, Professional and Service:

- Contribute at a significant level in the College's administrative activities such as leadership on committees and working groups and attendance at and/or coordination of College meetings.
- Significant involvement in and/or leading activities relating to internal and external compliance and professional accreditation of courses.
- Maintain professional knowledge relevant to teaching within their discipline through scholarship and professional development.
- Engage in activities within a relevant external professional domain such as professional associations, conferences and workshops, and within a wider community context at local, national or international level.
- Provide leadership in, coordination of, development of and/or leading international activities including student mobility programs, internationalisation of curricula and ensuring the relevance of curricula to international students or that enhance intercultural skills development in students.
- Provide high quality contribution to community service on behalf of the College and University.
- Undertake activities that promote the development of productive partnerships to provide opportunities for students and promote graduate employability.
- Any other responsibilities in line with the level of the position as assigned by the Supervisor and/or the University.

KEY POSITION CAPABILITIES

- Completion of a PhD, or other relevant and equivalent qualification and/or experience.
- Hold and maintain a current membership with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia & Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- Relevant and contemporary clinical experience as an accredited Midwife
- An understanding of pedagogical theory and contemporary educational practice relevant to Midwifery.
- Significant and sustained evidence of excellence in teaching performance at a tertiary level, inclusive of simulation and/or clinical setting.
- Significant and sustained evidence of development, delivery and evaluation of innovative teaching and learning strategies both in the classroom and in clinical education,
- Demonstrated willingness and ability to contribute to scholarship in teaching through participation in teaching and learning strategies and in professional development in higher education teaching.

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- Demonstrated strong understanding of the nexus between teaching and learning, research, scholarship and practice.
- Demonstrated excellent oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills, including the demonstrated ability to establish effective relationships with staff, students and industry nationally and/or internationally.
- Experience in coordinating and/or leading the teaching activities of other staff.
- Demonstrated experience and innovation using e-learning platforms for teaching purposes.
- Demonstrates a commitment to fostering a positive workplace culture, and role modelling behaviours that support the University's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Evidence of upholding the values and ethos of the University.
- Demonstrated contemporary knowledge and expertise in maternal and neonatal pathophysiology, pharmacology and medication management across the childbearing continuum, including the management of complex pregnancy, childbirth and neonatal conditions (desirable).
- Experience in development of international and short course teaching delivery or collaboration (desirable).
- Advanced knowledge of course accreditation requirements for relevant area (desirable).

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