



Gold Coast Health **LEAP** Program

Research Assistant Non-clinical (Midwifery Research)

Gold Coast University Hospital

An opportunity exists in the Midwifery Research team for one intern. This opportunity will be supervised by Dr Valerie Slavin, Assistant Director of Midwifery Research.

Background

Gold Coast Health (GCH) is a rapidly growing healthcare service that is dedicated to providing exceptional, patient-centred care of the highest quality. Our three hospitals and numerous community facilities are staffed by a team of passionate and talented individuals who are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of our patients.

For those who are seeking to jumpstart their careers, our non-clinical Learning Experience Academic Placement program (LEAP), offers a unique opportunity to gain invaluable experience in a dynamic and challenging industry. Whether you're just starting out or looking to make a career change, the LEAP program is the perfect opportunity to take your first step towards a rewarding and fulfilling career in healthcare.

If you're ready to make a real difference and gain valuable work experience in the process, apply for a non-clinical internship with Gold Coast Health today!

About the Team

We are a team of passionate clinicians and researchers dedicated to improving the care and outcomes of pregnant women from diverse backgrounds. The successful candidate will work with the Assistant Director of Midwifery Research, a Research Fellow, and two research nurse/midwives. The successful LEAP student may further engage with the First Nations maternity service.

About the Role/Project

The successful applicant will work with the research team to bring a First Nations perspective to all aspects of data analysis. This role is part of a research project focused on developing a targeted implementation strategy for a digital health tool within a First Nations Maternity Service. The position involves collaborating with researchers to evaluate and interpret qualitative data collected from First Nations women.

What we are looking for

The ideal candidate will have strong written and verbal communication skills, excellent attention to detail, and a high level of computer literacy. They will have experience in data entry, management, and qualitative or quantitative analysis, as well as in preparing research reports and contributing to project coordination. The candidate will demonstrate effective collaboration within interdisciplinary research teams, be proactive and well-organised, and apply creative and analytical thinking to problem-solving in a research context.

Area of Study

While not exclusively limited to, this opportunity would be best suited to students studying:

- Research
- Nursing / Midwifery students seeking non-clinical experience

Requirements and Time Commitment

- Intake 1: 02 March to 22 May 2026.
- 1 day placement per week for 12 weeks.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled at a tertiary institution to be eligible to participate.
- A signed indemnity insurance form from your tertiary institution will be required prior to commencement if successful.
- It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment ([Health Employment Directive No. 01/16](#)):
 - measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
 - varicella (chicken pox)
 - pertussis (whooping cough)
 - hepatitis B

**Please note the time commitment may be negotiated to align with semester dates for academic credit where possible.*

Accessibility

At Gold Coast Health, we value and celebrate the diversity of our employees and are dedicated to creating a workforce that reflects the diverse community we serve. Our Diversity and Inclusion team is always available to provide support and guidance to all employees and will promptly facilitate reasonable adjustments upon request.

Enquiries and submission

For more information and to apply please contact your University Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Coordinator or Career Development Team.

Please include the following materials in your application:

- Current resume
- Contact details of 2 referees
- Academic transcript
- Cover letter (no more than 1-2 pages) outlining what you hope to gain from the experience.

Applications close: Midnight Monday, 05 January 2026

Please note: Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by a private phone number or via email.