UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description

Project title:	Dr Nigel Lee: The Guarding, flexing and Coaching study and the Thompson Method Breast Feeding Project
Project duration:	The projects will run for four weeks. Students will be expected to contribute 32 hours per week.
Description:	The student will work within two midwifery research projects, one quantitative, the other qualitative. The GFC Study (Guarding, Flexing and Coaching) examines techniques used to reduce the incidence of moderate and sever perineal trauma. This particular phase of the project will explore women's and midwives experiences of a package of perineal management strategies introduced into a number of hospitals in Queensland. The Thompson Breastfeeding Project aims to evaluate whether the implementation of an innovative method of baby-led breastfeeding impacts the proportion of well mothers and babies who feed directly at the breast only at hospital discharge, 3-months and 6-months after birth.
Expected outcomes and deliverables:	The two studies present a unique opportunity for the student to gain experience and skills in both quantitative and qualitative research. For the GFC study the student will participate in data transcription, data entry and introduced to qualitative data analysis. For the Thompson method the student will gain new knowledge and skills in survey design, telephone interviewing, data collection and data management. The students contribution will be acknowledged in the resulting publications
Suitable for:	This project is open to applications from 2 nd , 3 rd and final year BMid or Dual Degree students from the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work with good computer skills. UQ enrolled students only,
Primary Supervisor:	Dr Nigel Lee
Further info:	Interested students are encouraged to contact the Primary Supervisor to discuss their involvement (nigel.lee@uq.edu.au)