**UQ Winter Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Infant and Maternal Care for Families from Multicultural Backgrounds** |
| **Project duration, hours of engagement & delivery mode** | * *30 hours/week for 4 weeks*   This project may be completed under a remote working arrangement. |
| **Description:** | Neuroprotective Developmental Care (NDC) is a new, evidence-based approach to infant care. NDC considers the five domains of infant sleep, infant feeding, infant health, mother’s health and sensory nourishment to address family concerns about unsettled infants, breastfeeding, infant sleep and maternal mental health. This responsive approach to infant care primarily focused on the first 6-12 months of life, but also extends beyond this age.  While the evidence base for responsive infant care across cultures is growing, little is known about the applicability of NDC for families from diverse cultural backgrounds, especially refugees and asylum seekers.  Specifically, this research aims to understand how the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers when receiving infant and maternal care services. It also aims to identify service needs and possibilities for service development for families with infants from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds living in Brisbane, Australia. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The student will be involved in article screening processes, qualitative data collection/management, contributing to data analysis, and some writing tasks (e.g. writing a literature review/introduction for a paper, writing a methods section, writing a draft discussion for a paper). |
| **Suitable for:** | We are seeking a highly motivated applicant with excellent organisational skills, a proactive approach, an interest in child and infant care and excellent written communication. Experience and/or an interest in working/interacting in intercultural contexts is desirable. Students who have completed two (2) or more years of study including one (1) or more research focused courses (e.g. research methodology). |
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