

MIDWIFERY BSc(HONS)

3 year course and 18 month course



University of Brighton



About these courses

- Develop competence in, and a passion for, midwifery.
- Gain a detailed understanding of the role and responsibilities of the midwife.
- Develop theoretical and practical knowledge and skills that are based on best evidence.
- Our philosophy of midwifery care is centred on the concept of childbearing as a life event of significant social importance. We will prepare you to provide midwifery care in partnership with the woman, her family and the multi-professional team within a variety of clinical settings.
- Strong personal and academic support to help you succeed.
- Opportunities to study abroad.
- Learn how to evaluate and engage with midwifery research and the research process.
- We want your time with us to be as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible.

Becoming a midwife

Midwives have a unique role working with women and their families. Midwifery relationships facilitate not only the physiological processes of pregnancy, giving birth and the initiation of the early mother-baby relationship; but also the growth and development of each woman who is preparing for her role as a parent.

As well as the satisfaction it brings, midwifery is a demanding profession with much responsibility and accountability. More midwives now work in the community, providing services in women's homes, local clinics, children's centres and GP surgeries. There is, of course, the option to be hospital-based, where there are plenty of opportunities for midwives to work on antenatal, labour and postnatal wards and neonatal units.

Few professions offer so much in terms of job satisfaction and support, yet also give you the chance to enhance people's lives during a period of great transition.



Suzi Impett
Midwifery BSc(Hons)
3 years

I am just starting the final year of my course and have really enjoyed it so far. The biggest challenge for me has been the academic side but the support I've had from my personal tutor and my fellow students has been great and has really helped to give me confidence!

The aspect I have enjoyed most has been shadowing a qualified midwife in the community, working with women from the moment they book with the midwife through to when they give birth.

When I qualify I would like to do some voluntary midwifery work abroad. After that I might go on to do a masters but to be honest more than anything I just want to deliver some babies and I'll be happy with that!

Key facts

Nursing and midwifery

UCAS code B720

Duration

Full-time 3 years

Location Eastbourne

Typical entry requirements

ABB (equivalent to 320 points on the UCAS tariff, to include at least two A-levels) and must include a Science/Social science subject. Excludes General Studies.

International Baccalaureate diploma, specified subjects.

A strong GCSE profile is desirable, which must include at least 5 grade C or above, including English, Maths and Science/Social science and all students must have a minimum of 10 years education.

Other:

A wide range of other qualifications will be considered including:

Access to Health and Social Care Diploma with 60 credits overall, 45 at level 3, 15 at level 2. with 30 distinction grades achieved at L3. GCSE English and Maths equivalent achieved or 6 credits at Level 3; BTEC National Diploma in a health related subject – DDM; Open University K101.

An academic reference indicating potential to study at degree level and applicant is of good character, and a character reference, from an employer or other appropriate person, indicating good communication skills, caring qualities and a positive attitude. If the applicant is mature, evidence of accredited academic study within the last five years, usually accompanied by an academic reference.

Midwifery – 3 year BSc(Hons)

This course reflects the requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the NHS for the preparation of contemporary practitioners. The structure comprises a mixture of theory and clinical practice.

Professional accreditation

Graduates are able to register as a midwife on the Midwives part of the NMC register.



Course structure and organisation

The Course is three years long. Each year is divided into three terms, which include shared, common and midwifery-specific modules. Clinical midwifery practice modules run throughout the programme allowing you to prepare for practice situations in controlled settings and to integrate theory and practice.

In the first year of the course you will be introduced to midwifery practice and its professional framework. The second year introduces you to the concepts of abnormality in childbearing, focusing on the skills a midwife may require to support and care for a woman, her baby and family where additional needs are identified. The final year of the course provides you with an opportunity to develop your midwifery skills, working closely with other healthcare professionals and using evidence-based decision making to manage your clients care.

You will carry a small caseload during the final year and will also have the opportunity to undertake a short international placement.

Syllabus

Year 1

Developing Midwifery Practice • Introduction to the Art and Evidence of Midwifery Practice • Introduction into Midwifery • The Physiological Basis of Midwifery Assessment • The Human Body in Childbearing • Human Relationships in Midwifery Practice

Year 2

Developing Competent Midwifery Practice • Developing the Art and Evidence of Midwifery Practice • Altered Health in Childbearing • Midwifery Emergencies • Public Health for Nursing or Midwifery Practice • Appreciating the Research Process in Midwifery

Year 3

Developing Proficient Midwifery Practice • Valuing Individual Cultures OR International Midwifery Elective • Preparation for Autonomous Midwifery • Leadership • Enquiring into Midwifery Practice



Students must have the ability to follow a shift pattern covering 24-hour 7-day cycle and be able to meet the travel requirements.



Students must have a satisfactory enhanced CRB check and a personal statement indicating ability and desire to become a midwife.

Midwifery – 18 month

BSc(Hons)

This course is designed for registered nurses on Part 1 of the NMC register. It examines the professional role and practice of the midwife and develops practitioners who recognise the unique relationship and partnership that exists between mother and midwife.

The underlying philosophy is one of valuing the midwifery profession, the students and the educational process. The course is offered in conjunction with local NHS Trusts in Brighton, Worthing, Haywards Heath, Eastbourne and Hastings. Students become employees of the respective trust, subject to contract and conditions of employment.

Professional accreditation

Graduates are able to register as a midwife on the Midwives part of the NMC register.



Course structure and organisation

The course is divided into two stages.

Stage one – you are introduced to midwifery practice and its professional framework. Focus is placed on a midwife's role in promoting a positive childbirth experience.

You are introduced to the concept of personal development planning and encouraged to maintain your own portfolio.

Theory will be delivered in study blocks of 2–3 weeks and practice placements are for 4–8 weeks.

Stage two – you are introduced to the concepts of abnormality in childbearing, focusing on the skills a midwife may require to support and care for a woman, her baby and family where additional needs are identified. Theory and practice placements are the same as Stage 1.

The latter part of the course provides you with an opportunity to develop your midwifery skills, working closely with other healthcare professionals and using evidence-based decision making to manage your clients care and promote professional autonomy. You will carry a small caseload during this time. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a short placement in Europe.

Syllabus

Stage 1

Art and Evidence of Midwifery Practice • Scientific Basis of Midwifery Assessment • Appreciating the Research Process in Midwifery • Developing Competent Midwifery Practice

Stage 2

Complex Midwifery Needs • Emergencies in Midwifery Practice • Becoming an Autonomous Midwife • Enquiring into Midwifery Practice • Developing Proficient Midwifery Practice

Key facts

Nursing and midwifery

UCAS code B721

Duration

Full-time 18 months

Start dates September

Location Eastbourne

Typical entry requirements

Current registration on the NMC Professional Register as a Nurse (Adult, first level).

60 level 2/5 credits.

An academic reference indicating potential to study at degree level and indicating that the applicant is of good character (Standard 2; NMC 2004).

Evidence of accredited academic study within past five years.

Satisfactory professional reference.

A personal statement indicating ability and desire to become a midwife and a commitment to midwifery.

Ability to meet travel requirements.

Successful occupational health clearance.

Satisfactory enhanced CRB check.

Ability to follow a shift pattern covering 24 hour/7 day cycle.

Find out more

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More information

Career opportunities

Our midwifery graduates develop successful careers in midwifery practice, education and research. Many work within the NHS, whilst others have chosen to develop their career in independent practice. Some midwives choose to work with specific client groups, such as teenagers and others in the area of health promotion.

Our graduates have taken on a range of roles, such as practice development and the highly responsible role of 'supervisor of midwives'.

Many of our midwifery graduates return to us to undertake professional development and to study at postgraduate level.

Study locations

Teaching on these courses takes place mainly on the university's Eastbourne campus. Clinical practice placements take place in community and hospital settings across Sussex including Hastings, Eastbourne, Brighton, Haywards Heath and Worthing. For more information please visit www.brighton.ac.uk/snm/placements.

International placement opportunities

We are experienced in facilitating international midwifery exchanges. A range of exciting two week opportunities are available for you to experience midwifery in another country and gain academic credit. International placements can last between two weeks and three months.

Personal and academic support

You will be allocated a personal tutor to oversee your progress throughout the course and while on placement you will work under the supervision of a mentor.

How to apply

Application for both the 3 year and 18 month course is through UCAS.

Applicants should indicate their preferences for base site on their application form.

For a step-by-step guide to the application process for these courses please visit www.brighton.ac.uk/snm/admissions.



Thelma Lackey
Course leader
Midwifery BSc(Hons)
3 years

Midwifery is an exciting profession, bringing new challenges every day.

The passion I possessed on my first day as student midwife 20 years ago has remained with me throughout my career.

My career has encompassed working in a variety of settings in Scotland, England and the Middle East, before completing a masters in Midwifery Studies and Education. Now, as a course leader, I feel privileged that I am in a position to use my enthusiasm to continue to move the course forward for our students, the midwives of the future.



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