

# BSc (Hons)/Graduate Diploma Midwifery 18 month programme



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University

## COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences
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Duration	86 weeks
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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Be registered with the NMC as a general nurse (adult) and consolidated this with a period of 6 months full-time nursing experience immediately prior to commencing the programme.
- Have evidence of 240 specific credits, 120 of which should be Level 5 (diploma level) or equivalent.
- Have an average of 60 per cent in Level 5 nursing studies (and have passed all Level 5 modules at first attempt) or 2:2 in BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing.
- Be resident within the UK for at least 3 years (for DBS Clearance).
- Have permanent residency in the UK/EU.
- Have evidence of academic study within the last 5 years at minimum Level 5.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The content of the programme is guided by the NMC Standards for pre-registration midwifery education (2009) and will enable you to provide woman-centred care, ensuring you abide by the ethical and legal obligations as well as the professional requirements of the programme. You will demonstrate respect for individuals and communities and ensure quality and excellence in your practice. To do this you will be exposed to using the best available evidence enabling you to identify, participate, internalise and disseminate this evidence to support your practice. The knowledge and skills you acquire in your

programme will prepare you for continued personal and professional development, which you will need to continue with lifelong learning.

You will have been provided with an induction to the programme and the learning programme will follow this.

The programme consists of progression points where your progress is reviewed and decisions are made at an examination board to decide if you are required to resubmit any work or if you can proceed with your programme.

## ASSESSMENT

We use a variety of methods to accurately test your knowledge, application of theory to practice, decision making, practical and communication skills.

Methods include invigilated assessments, essays, seminars, clinical scenarios, viva voce, ePortfolio and learning journals.

## COURSE CONTENT

Studies are closely interwoven with clinical practice experience which is planned not only to complement theoretical studies but also to provide opportunity for the achievement of NMC proficiencies and essential skills. You will be allocated to clinical placements that are necessary for you to complete the programme successfully and develop the confidence and competence to practice as a registered midwife.

Your programme is divided into study blocks, study days, Trust days, reading weeks and clinical placements. At least 50 per cent of the programme involves clinical activities and at least 40 per cent of the programme is theory.

Annual leave is set during the programme with the exception of the summer weeks where a request can be made.

**The aims of the course are to enable you to:**

- Enter the midwifery part of the NMC's professional register
- Be awarded the BSc (Hons)/Graduate Diploma in Midwifery from Birmingham City University

**The course also aims to enable you to demonstrate safe and effective competence in:**

- Applying evidence-based knowledge to best midwifery practice
- Applying to practice your knowledge of psychological, social, emotional and spiritual factors that may positively or adversely influence normal childbirth

- Appropriate interpersonal skills (as identified in the Essential Skills Cluster-Communication) to support women and their families
- Skills in managing obstetric and neonatal emergencies, underpinned by appropriate knowledge
- Being an autonomous practitioner to women experiencing normal childbirth
- Being able to support women throughout their pregnancy, labour, birth and postnatal period in all settings, including midwifery-led units, birthing centres and the home
- Being able to undertake critical decision-making to support appropriate referral to either the woman or baby to other health professionals or agencies when there is recognition of normal processes being adversely affected and compromised

**You will study the following modules:**

- Foundations in Midwifery and Clinical skills
- Complex Midwifery and Clinical skills
- Professional Midwifery practice
- Supporting vulnerable women and families
- Examination and care of the baby part 1
- Examination and care of the baby part 2

Within the first progression point you will have the opportunity to complete a delivery suite and a community placement. Placements in the antenatal/postnatal wards, antenatal clinic and neonatal unit will take place during the remainder of your course. You will be able to experience other clinical areas including theatres, assessment units and clinics.

## FURTHER STUDY

The BSc (Hons) awarded on completion of this preregistration course forms the basis for progression onto further study.

A comprehensive portfolio of post-registration courses that focuses on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is available within the Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences.

For further information on such courses, as well as other postgraduate schemes offered by Birmingham City University, please visit the postgraduate section of the website.

These courses allow for academic and/or clinical development. Many of the courses are taught as part-time flexible modules to fit around your work and domestic commitments.

Please refer to specific relevant study options. Research degrees may also be considered if appropriate. The pathway will also enable you to enrol for individual modules if you wish to update your skills and knowledge (in a specific area) but do not wish to go on to gain an academic award. You can simply gain points to put towards further study if desired through our Credit Accumulation and Transfer System (CATS).

## EMPLOYABILITY

This degree equips you to work in a wide range of settings and opens opportunities for career progression. Upon registration with the NMC you will be able to practice as a midwife in hospitals, the community, in the NHS or the private sector, in the UK or overseas.

You can expect fantastic career prospects. There is currently a shortage of midwives and almost all our graduates gain employment on course completion. We are the largest provider of qualified staff to the NHS for health and social services in the region.

## MORE INFORMATION

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