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Midwifery Undergraduate study 2016

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Front cover image:
A student midwife on the ward with a
mother, father and their newborn baby.



Welcome to the Division of Midwifery

Our highly regarded Division of Midwifery is part of the School of Health Sciences. We have an outstanding reputation for teaching and research excellence. In the latest Research Excellence Framework our nursing and midwifery research was ranked 8th for impact.

We aim to make a valuable contribution to improving healthcare for women of childbearing age and their families. We do this by collaborating locally, nationally and internationally on the very best teaching methods, research projects and woman-centred care. Within the University, academics and students from all aspects of healthcare work together, sharing experience and expertise.

Our research incorporates all spheres of midwifery practice including care in labour, breastfeeding, and health promotion. This important work informs our teaching and practice, ensuring midwifery education is based on the very latest research findings.

We provide a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, enabling student midwives and those already qualified to further develop their skills and knowledge.

We look forward to welcoming you to The University of Nottingham and the start of an incredible career.

Kim Russell

Head of the Division of Midwifery
School of Health Sciences



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Don't forget to watch our videos to hear from staff and students in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/watch-mhsfaculty



The Portland Building is the hub of student activity, home to the Students' Union and multiple cafes.

Why study midwifery at Nottingham?

Our innovative courses are informed by the latest research and delivered by high-quality teaching staff.

Midwifery is a profession that requires students to develop the academic abilities, clinical skills and personal qualities to take responsibility for the overall care of women in pregnancy, their babies and their family in a variety of settings.

Midwives can work in the community, in birth centres, in hospitals or independently. Their role goes much further than delivering babies; they are also involved in antenatal and postnatal care, in counselling, in offering support and education, and in helping to prepare for parenthood.

Highly-skilled graduates

We are renowned for producing graduates who are highly skilled and much sought after. Our employment record is one of the best in the country, with The University of Nottingham consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain's leading graduate employers*. Our approach to blending practical experience with sound academic knowledge makes our midwifery graduates very attractive to employers locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition to their studies, students are encouraged to build a broad range of outside interests – an important part of becoming a well-rounded individual. We are proud to have one of the most active students' unions at any UK university, with over 250 societies and sports clubs where you can have fun, gain new skills and meet like-minded people. Students can also participate in the Nottingham Nurses and Midwives Association (NUMID), aiding interprofessional collaboration.

As a university, we have an impressive worldwide reputation for academic excellence. Not only are we part of the Russell Group of 24 leading UK universities, but we are also placed in the top 1% of universities internationally, according to the QS World University Rankings.

Key facts

- Nottingham is consistently in the top 10 for nursing and midwifery in university league tables, including *The Guardian University Guide 2016* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015*.
- Teaching is enhanced by expertise in different healthcare subjects and there is interprofessional learning with medical and healthcare students.
- Our teachers have international reputations and are involved in research, presenting at international conferences, committees, and contributing to midwifery textbooks and journals.
- Our teachers have won national awards from the Royal College of Midwives and University of Nottingham Lord Dearing awards for excellence in teaching and learning.
- Our system of student caseholding enables experience of continuity of midwifery care throughout pregnancy, birth and the postpartum period.
- We are placed 6th in the UK for Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy according to Academic Ranking of World Universities 2014.

* *The Graduate Market in 2013, 2014 and 2015*, High Fliers Research.

Degree courses

Degree title	UCAS code	Duration	A levels	IB	Places*
Single honours					
BSc (Hons) Midwifery	B723	3 years	ABB	32	72

Our dynamic **BSc (Hons) Midwifery** course is a pathway to becoming a registered midwife. The three-year course has been carefully designed and shaped to provide students with all that they need to develop a successful career in midwifery.

Our course is recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

* The number of places for 2016 are based on numbers for 2015 entry and may be subject to change.

“Transformative learning experiences are what we all aspire to.”

Kim Russell,
Head of Midwifery Education

Bachelor of Midwifery BSc (Hons)

Why choose this course?

This three-year degree course has been designed for those who wish to become a registered midwife, in addition to completing the requirements for an honours degree. Our midwifery course is based on a philosophy of midwives working closely with mothers to identify the individual needs of each mother, baby and family.

What will I learn?

Approximately 50% of the midwifery course is practice-based, giving you the opportunity to observe and participate in midwifery, nursing and healthcare within a whole range of settings. You will work alongside mentors in wards, departments, clinics and women's own homes, developing your skills, competence and confidence.

How is the course structured?

The three-year full time programme is arranged over three years in a modular structure, with all modules being compulsory. Christmas and summer holidays have been arranged to coincide with normal holiday periods. However holidays in March/April (Easter) take place at the same time each year. All holidays will be detailed in your programme training plan.

Year one

This comprises 45 programmed weeks of theory and practice and seven weeks' annual leave per year. Modules are studied at level one during this teaching period and comprise:

- Normal Midwifery Practice in Contemporary Society (30 credits)
- The Compassionate and Professional Midwife (20 credits)

- Normal Childbirth (30 credits)
- The Novice Student Midwife in Practice (40 credits)

During the first year you will be introduced to the role and responsibilities of the midwife. You will begin to learn the psychomotor skills needed to assess the needs of mother and child, and begin to analyse and discuss the use of theory in practice. The focus is on the promotion of normal childbirth and the midwives professional role and responsibilities. The modules provide a foundation for developing the professional attributes, emotional intelligence and insight into compassion and empathetic care.

Year two

This comprises 45 programmed weeks of theory and practice and seven weeks' annual leave. During teaching period two, modules are studied at level two and comprise:

- Perinatal Mental Health and the Role of the Midwife (20 credits)
- Complex Childbirth and the Midwife (30 credits)
- Research Skills for Evidence-Based Midwifery Care (30 credits)
- The Developing Student Midwife in Practice (40 credits)

The second year provides an opportunity for you to further develop your analytical skills in exploring the different ways in which pregnancy and childbirth change people's lives. Practice placements enable you to analyse the appropriateness of care and develop problem solving skills. Opportunities to develop skills in research and evidence based practice are also included.

Year three

This comprises 45 programmed weeks' theory and practice and 7 weeks' annual leave. Modules are studied at level three and comprise:

- The Politics of Maternity Care (30 credits)
- Research Evidence for High Quality Midwifery Practice (30 credits)
- The Professional Midwife in Contemporary Society (20 credits)
- The Competent Student Midwife in Practice (40 credits)

Modules studied reflect the midwife's role as a practitioner of normal childbirth and her role in caring for women with complex health and social needs. Modules on the politics of maternity care and the professional midwife in contemporary society aim to examine the midwife's role in relation to socio-political as well as national and international contexts. The research proposal will enhance your analytical and research skills. You will also begin to develop the skills needed for effective management and leadership and will be given further opportunities to develop teaching skills. At the end of this period you will be eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the award of Bachelor of Science (Hons) Midwifery.

What are the entry requirements?

We accept the following qualifications:

A levels

- Three A levels at ABB, including a science subject (biology, chemistry, physics or PE) plus GCSEs – eight preferred at A-C which must include English, maths and a science.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

- IB score: 32 (including English, maths and a science subject at Higher Level).

Access to HE Diploma

- Pass the Access to Nursing and Midwifery with 45 credits at level three of which 30 must be at Distinction and the remaining 15 at Merit or above. The Diploma must include 24 credits at level three in biology (preferably human biology) all achieved at Distinction. Plus GCSE English and maths at grade C or above. We no longer accept level two equivalencies for GCSE English and maths.

BTEC Extended Diploma in Health Studies

- Minimum of DDM including a science subject, with GCSE A-C grades in English and maths. An AS level with a B in biology, physics or chemistry can compensate for a lack of science modules.

We also encourage mature applicants who have experience and qualifications equivalent to those listed above. Please get in touch if you have any queries, using the contact details below.

How can I apply?

Please apply online at www.ucas.com

The UCAS code for this course is B723.

More information

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the course, please contact us:

t: +44 (0)115 823 0837

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/enquire

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/midwifery

“I have always known I wanted a practical and vocational career, but it was not until I had my own children that I began to consider midwifery. The University of Nottingham has an excellent reputation for the quality of teaching.

When I began the course I was assigned a personal tutor who has been a continued source of support, advice and guidance, especially as the University encourages independent learning, causing me to begin to pursue a masters programme already.

Attending The University of Nottingham has been a pleasure and provided me with the foundation of knowledge and experience needed as a newly qualified midwife. I would recommend the University to anyone hoping to pursue a successful career in midwifery.”

Amber Clarkin, Registered Midwife

Amber studying in the Greenfield Medical Library, Queen's Medical Centre.



How will I study?

Innovative teaching

In the School of Health Sciences we provide innovative teaching which is led by current research into healthcare education; much of which is driven by researchers within the school. As a result, the teaching that students receive will continue to respond to changes and innovations in education.

Students receive lectures from experts and practitioners in their field, and in addition to this there is a wealth of extra learning opportunities such as: demonstrations; dynamic small group projects; debates; tutorials; workshops; computer-based projects; seminar presentations; and simulated skills lessons.

Some learning will be interprofessional with students from a variety of other healthcare professions, for example, medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, pharmacy and dietetics.

In addition to interactions with your lecturers and peers, you will be expected to take part in directed and self-directed independent learning. We invest greatly in new technologies and innovative online teaching methods, so this independent learning is enhanced and supported. There is a dedicated team within the school who help to create bite-sized reusable learning objects which are award winning, peer-reviewed and used by healthcare professionals globally. They are completely free to use. Visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/helmopen

Structured support at every stage

We know that midwifery is a challenging profession and support is a vital part of the learning process. We have created an integrated structure that supports you as you become a more confident independent learner and practitioner.

You will have access to a personal tutor who will support you throughout the course. Regular one-to-one meetings with tutors are common, giving you the opportunity to discuss academic progress, professional development, and clinical practice advice or seek confidential help and advice. Personal tutors will also refer you to other University support mechanisms where appropriate.

Academic assignment support is provided through our formative assessments, which allow you to develop academic writing skills prior to submitting your first assignment. This allows us to build up a picture of your academic writing style and enables us to provide you with, or refer you to, specific and targeted support. Further tutorial support is available for subsequent modules from the appropriate midwife teachers.

You can also access a wealth of University support at the Student Services Centre on a wide range of issues. Information can be found at www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

The Students' Union is also a great place to find help. Find out more at www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Learning Community Forum

At this forum, midwife teachers are invited by students to discuss any issues regarding the theoretical aspects of the course and its delivery.

Key Information Sets

Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website:

www.unistats.com

For Nottingham's KIS data, please see individual course entries at www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

The practice learning experience

Placements

Your experience in real clinical settings will allow you to put into practice what you have learned in the classroom. Midwifery can be challenging, but with the support and expertise of midwife mentors and teachers around you, you will be able to build up your competence and confidence.

You will be allocated to a number of placements with different NHS Trusts. These include Nottingham University Hospitals (City Hospital Nottingham and Queen's Medical Centre), United Lincolnshire Hospitals (Boston and Lincoln), Royal Derby Hospital, Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Sherwood Forest Hospitals (Mansfield). You will be expected to either commute to your placements or find accommodation nearby.

During your allocated placements you will gain experience of caring for women in a variety of midwifery settings both in the acute hospital environment and in the community. You will also gain experience in non-midwifery clinical areas: medicine, surgery/gynaecology, theatres, perinatal mental health and neonatal units.

During your placements you will be under the supervision of a variety of qualified midwife mentors, and also work alongside other support staff. You will be linked to a Supervisor of Midwives, allowing you to see the professional role of supervision and to observe and develop leadership qualities.

Each of the hospitals provides an outstanding learning environment, with study facilities, libraries, technological teaching and learning materials.

Elective placements

The elective placements take place at the end of your second or the beginning of your third year. This placement allows you to choose where you go.

This might be in a specialist area of your choice in the UK or you might choose to carry out your placement overseas. You can choose your placement so that it complements your career ambitions and interests. It is through these placements that many students discover their career path of choice. This placement is self-funded, arranged by you, and is dependent on academic and practice achievements commensurate with the stage of education.

Erasmus

Through the University's Erasmus scheme, you may have the opportunity to study in a European country for up to 12 weeks at one of our partner universities in Malta, Denmark or Cork. A bursary is available for this and is dependent on academic and practice achievements commensurate with the stage of education.

Caseholding

As part of this innovative approach you will follow individual women through the antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal periods of their pregnancy. This will enable you to experience and provide holistic care for women and their families. Caseholding will also help you put theory into practice and work in a range of interprofessional settings within maternity care.

Practice Learning Team meetings

Practice Learning Teams (PLTs) link to clinical areas and regular meetings include students, staff and midwives. Practitioners provide advice and support to the team about current practice issues. Evaluations of clinical areas by students are discussed and learning opportunities are mapped to the nursing and midwifery council standards for practice achievement.

How will I be assessed?

Assessments are an integral part of our courses and are included to provide you with the opportunity to maximise your own learning. Assessments are also included to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards of proficiency for practice and pre-registration midwifery programmes of education.

We assess you theoretically and clinically in a number of ways including:

- case presentations
- case studies
- clinical skills records and workbooks
- a practice portfolio
- critical incident analysis
- debates
- essays
- numeracy testing
- objective structured clinical exams
- unseen written exams

Some modules have formative components to develop your skills and ideas prior to the summative submission of work. We would encourage you to make use of this valuable opportunity.

Assessment in practice

Tripartite meetings happen twice a year. This is where you, your midwife mentor and your personal tutor meet to discuss your progress towards achieving your clinical competencies and adherence to the values of the NHS constitution. Your sign-off midwife mentors ultimately assess you in clinical practice and signs off these competencies.

We believe that accurately assessing the work you do on your practical placements means close collaboration between you, your midwife mentor and your personal tutor. Feedback from all three parties goes into forming your eventual grades.

A midwifery student, mentor and tutor during a tripartite meeting.



Career and employment prospects

Midwifery is an intellectually and emotionally demanding career; midwives are autonomous practitioners who are the lead professional in the care of low risk women and their families.

Midwives work closely with other professions and agencies such as obstetricians, physiotherapists and social workers to provide holistic care.

Throughout your career you will continue to learn so that you can respond to developments in the profession. This may also involve continuing your studies to pursue specific specialist interests.

As a Newly Qualified Midwife, the salary ranges from £21,692-£28,180. After around 6-24 months with skill development, a band 6 midwife would gain a salary of £26,041-£34,876. With career progression to a leadership position, a Consultant Midwife could earn as much as £67,805.*

Our graduates

Our graduates are our biggest asset, and we are immensely proud of what they have achieved. Many of our graduates go on to work as midwives specialising in areas such as HIV, teenage pregnancy, infant feeding, pathology, health promotion, and bereavement support. Midwives may also further their careers in the areas of teaching and research. Once qualified, many of our graduates apply their skills not only locally and nationally, but internationally too; working in a range of locations across the world.

In 2014, 100% of first-degree graduates from midwifery who were available for employment had secured work or further study within six months of graduation. The average starting salary was £21,760 with the highest being £25,000.**

The University of Nottingham is consistently named as one of the most targeted universities by Britain's leading graduate employers***, and at

the 2015 Whatuni Student Choice Awards, The University of Nottingham was ranked the number one university for job prospects.

The University's Careers and Employability Service

Our Careers and Employability Service, which is based on University Park Campus, offers an extensive range of careers-oriented services, including CV-writing sessions, interview advice, presentations by major employers and general career advice. As a University of Nottingham graduate, you will receive lifelong support from the service. This means that you can ask a careers adviser to look over your job application by email or Skype, or in person, and you can also access a database of graduate vacancies. For more information see www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers

Nottingham Advantage Award

The University's Advantage Award is a programme of activities developed to recognise and reward extracurricular responsibilities. It allows you to gain recognition for participating in a wide range of activities accredited by the University and delivered by top graduate employers, professional services and members of staff of the University. It also shows employers that you have gone above and beyond your degree and gained valuable transferable skills. For further information, please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Postgraduate study

Some of our best students decide to stay on at Nottingham and join our lively community of postgraduate research students within the department, from MA level through to PhD.

* Correct as of 1 April 2015.

** Known destinations of full-time home and EU first-degree graduates, 2013/14.

*** The Graduate Market in 2013, 2014 and 2015, High Fliers Research.

A midwife, student midwife
with an expectant mother.



Red Bay

“Whether it was practical clinical sessions, CV writing classes, medicines management, numeracy exams or even tips on professional registration – the University did so much to ensure the transition from education to the workplace was a smooth one.

Since graduating I have undertaken a full-time rotational Band 5 post in a major teaching hospital working on antenatal, postnatal and labour wards. Studying at The University of Nottingham provided me with the skills to cope with the varied working life of a midwife, including defrosting my car three times to ensure I attended my first ever home birth!”

Alyson Walsh, midwifery graduate

Alyson (pictured third from left) working in a midwifery ward in Nottingham.

Your student experience – everything you need to know



Take a look at our accommodation video for a taster of what to expect at Nottingham:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/yourhome



Our halls of residence are great places to catch up with friends.

You've read lots about the degree programme you're interested in, now it's time to explore life outside the lecture theatre. There's so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. We are proud to be one of the leading universities for student experience in the UK*, which will ensure that you have a university experience you'll never forget.

Your University of Nottingham – at home and around the world

We are proud of our stunning campuses and are continually investing in our grounds, buildings and amenities to ensure that you only have the best surroundings in which to live and study. Our main UK campuses have a mix of state-of-the-art facilities, including sports centres, places to eat and excellent learning facilities on every campus.

We've made getting from campus to campus as easy as possible and students can benefit from our free inter-campus Hopper Bus, so you're never far away from the striking architecture and innovative technology of Jubilee Campus, the rolling parkland and period buildings at University Park, or the cutting-edge features of Sutton Bonington.

The University of Nottingham is Britain's global university with campuses in the UK, China and Malaysia. We also have links with more than 300 universities in over 40 countries, adding a truly global flavour to your degree and giving you the chance to explore the world. Find out more:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/campuses

Your new home from home

At Nottingham we offer a range of different accommodation options, rooms are available as single or shared, en suite or shared bathroom, all the way through to studio flats, and vary from self-catered to fully catered (19 meals per week). We also offer a guarantee of University accommodation for one year to all new full-time undergraduate students, subject to the following conditions: you firmly accept your course place at Nottingham, accept your offer of accommodation by the deadline given in your offer letter, and have an unconditional status no later than 31 August in the year you intend to begin your studies.

If you are a new, full-time undergraduate student who is classified as international for fee purposes, this guarantee applies for three years**. For more information, including a breakdown of pricing, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support you, including tutors and dedicated staff who will be able to advise you on various aspects of life as a student. We have Student Services Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services to enhance your student experience. This support includes:

- Academic Support – can provide practical advice on areas of academic study; the service also provides specialist academic support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties
- Disability Support – coordinates support and access arrangements for students with a disability or long-term medical condition
- Financial Support – provides information on the sources of finance available from government agencies and the University itself, and gives advice about financial matters
- Student Services – also advise on issues ranging from childcare, counselling and health to international student support, chaplaincy and faith support, as well as offering advice on paying your tuition and accommodation fees

Whatever you may need support with, they will either be able to help or point you in the direction of someone who can. Find out more:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

* Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey, 2015.

** Providing you submit your returners' application in line with the requirements of the accommodation providers.

Getting involved in your Students' Union

As soon as you start at The University of Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students' Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests. Choose from over 200 student-run societies, covering all interests and abilities, as well as local and national volunteering projects, to which you can commit as much or as little time as you wish.

Our Students' Union is home to a number of award-winning student-run media groups, which give you the chance to gain practical work experience both behind the scenes or centre stage as a presenter, actor or journalist. The Nottingham New Theatre, *Impact* magazine, Nottingham Student Television (NSTV) and University Radio Nottingham (URN) have all been recognised as the best in their field, winning a clutch of awards for outstanding achievements.

However you decide to become involved in the Union, you can be sure you will make new friends and learn new skills, all while having a lot of fun!

Find out more:
www.su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sports

We offer sport at all levels and an excellent all-inclusive student membership offer, so whether you enjoy sport as a hobby or are an elite athlete we will have just what you need. We have over 70 sports clubs, which means we have the 2nd highest number of sports clubs of any UK university. If you're not interested in joining a team but want to stay fit, we have sports centres on all of our main UK campuses.

Find out more:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/sport

Exploring your new city

With Nottingham city centre just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, our students are always close to the action. Buses run through campus regularly and many run late-night services too, which is handy if you're a night owl.

For music lovers, you can take your pick from the world-famous Rock City, Capital FM Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. Nottingham is rich in performance venues, with comedy clubs and theatres catering for lovers of drama, musicals, ballet and panto. We are very proud of our sporting heritage, and with football clubs Nottingham Forest and Notts County in the city, as well as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Ice Centre on your doorstep, you might just become a sports fan if you're not one already.

History and culture can be found in all corners of the city, with Nottingham Castle, Nottingham Contemporary arts centre, the Galleries of Justice Museum, Nottingham Lakeside Arts – the University's public arts centre located on our University Park Campus – arthouse cinemas and three of the world's oldest pubs all providing points of interest. If you enjoy shopping, Nottingham is perfect for you; independent boutiques and vintage shops in the bohemian area of Hockley mix with high street names in our large shopping centres to make Nottingham a veritable shopping haven.

Find out more:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Download our city guide:
www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/cityguide

Students relaxing at Broadway Cinema in Nottingham city centre.



Applying for a place

We are looking for students who have the ability and motivation to benefit from our courses, and who will make a valued contribution to the department and the University. For more information on how to make your application stand out, have a look at our online prospectus: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Entry numbers

For information on how many students the school plans to admit on each course, please see the table on page 7.

The selection procedure

Your previous qualifications and experience are very important to us, but when our selection panel chooses new students, they are also looking for people with the compassion, communication skills and commitment to make excellent midwives. If you meet those criteria, and are successful in the selection process, you will then be invited for an interview.

They make their decisions based on:

- your academic achievements and evidence of recent study
- a supportive academic reference, an employment reference (if appropriate) and evidence of good character
- your ability to communicate effectively, including your social and interpersonal skills
- a caring and committed attitude
- an understanding of the demands and requirements of a midwifery course
- your reasons for wanting to become a midwife
- transferable skills gained from employment, voluntary work or other areas
- other achievements including your ability to demonstrate how they will help prepare you for this new career

To see the activities included in the selection day please visit our website at www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/undergraduate/midwifery-courses

We encourage applications from mature students, who will also be expected to show evidence of personal motivation and recent academic studies.

Interviews

Those applicants who are successful at the shortlisting stage will then be invited to a selection event comprising of multiple mini interviews. You will need to bring all your original certificates and documentation for your qualifications, plus any other documentation requested at the time of invitation.

At the selection event there will be a number of stations comprising of scenarios and interviews. You will spend a short time at each of the stations and you will have the chance to meet members of the midwifery teaching staff, representatives from clinical practice, service users and other student midwives, who will be involved in the multiple mini interviews.

It is not our policy to admit students to the course without an interview and from the large number of applicants that we receive, we invite around one third of these to interview. In general, successful candidates are expected to be able to demonstrate potential for academic progression, commitment to a career in midwifery and an understanding of the role of the midwife. They should be motivated and well-rounded people with interests outside midwifery, with integrity and stamina.

Offers

All offers are subject to meeting entry criteria, satisfactory health screening and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks at all stages of the application process and throughout the course. If you accept our offer you are expected to provide evidence of enhanced DBS screening prior to commencement of the course.

Flexible admissions policy

In recognition of our applicants' varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. If you wish to mention information about your experiences in your personal statement, then you should ask the teacher or tutor writing your reference to confirm what you have written. We may ask for further evidence and may consider a range of factors. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/admissionspolicies

Deferred entry

Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Mature applicants

We encourage applications from mature students (which means all those aged 21 or over when the course begins). You should apply in the normal way. While we accept a range of qualifications,

you should check our specific requirements on our course entry profiles. If in doubt, please contact the admissions tutor, who will be happy to answer any specific queries you have about applying as a mature student. Please send us your questions using the enquiry form: www.nottingham.ac.uk/enquire

For more information about being a mature student, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/mature

Equal opportunities policy

The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

For tips and advice at every step of your application journey, visit our undergraduate applicants' area: www.nottingham.ac.uk/ugapplicants

Frequently asked questions

How much are the fees?

Eligible students will get their tuition fees paid directly by the NHS. For more information, please see www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees

What bursaries are available?

Eligible students starting our three-year course will be given a non-means-tested grant of £1,000, a means-tested bursary of up to £4,395 and a non-means-tested Reduced Rate student loan of up to £2,324 per year. You can find out more about eligibility by visiting www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

What support is available for students with children?

There are a range of services provided to support students with children, including a University day nursery, a playscheme and playcentre day care. There is also a scheme to help students fund childcare. For more information, see www.nottingham.ac.uk/child-care

What support do you offer for students with a disability or dyslexia?

The school, like the University, is committed to promoting access for students who have a disability, dyslexia or a long-term medical condition. Services provided by the University

aim to enable students to fulfil the inherent requirements of the course as independently as possible. The University's Disability Statement, which lists services, facilities and opportunities available throughout the University can be viewed at www.nottingham.ac.uk/disability

When and where will teaching take place?

Teaching is delivered predominantly at Nottingham and occurs between 10am and 5.30pm for three-five days per week, with the opportunity for tutorials beforehand or when not in class during study week periods.

Can you help with placement accommodation?

We will be able to help you find accommodation near your allocated placement sites. Information about claiming accommodation and travel for placements from NHS bursaries can be found at www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries

Additional funds may be provided by the University if you are unable to claim NHS funds.

Visit our website for more frequently asked questions: www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences

Where will I be allocated for my placement?

During your studies, you will be allocated to a number of placements with different NHS Trusts. These include Nottingham University Hospitals (City Hospital Nottingham and Queen's Medical Centre), United Lincolnshire Hospitals (Boston and Lincoln), Royal Derby Hospital, Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Sherwood Forest Hospitals (Mansfield). You will be expected, either to commute to your placements or find accommodation nearby.

What will be my hours of work during placement?

You'll be required to attend your placement for 37.5 hours per week (exclusive of meal breaks). Shifts will vary at different NHS Trusts and can be between 7 and 12 hours long. Your shifts will be planned to coincide with your midwife mentor's work patterns and will require you to work weekdays, weekends, evenings and nights, as well as some bank holidays.

Will I receive travel expenses while on placement?

If your clinical placements are outside the area, you may be able to claim some travel and accommodation costs.

What will I wear on placement?

You will be provided with a number of uniforms, including dresses, tunics and trousers. These can be adapted to meet different cultural or religious requirements. Students are expected to adhere to uniform policy at all times.

Visiting and contacting us

Open days

If you're considering applying to The University of Nottingham we recommend that you try to attend one of the University-wide open days, which are held in June and September each year and attract around 30,000 visitors. Find out more:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/opendays

Mini open days

Mini open days are much smaller than the main open days but offer the same opportunities to attend various talks and tours as well as speak to current students and academics. Find out more:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/miniopendays

or call +44 (0)115 951 5559.

Virtual open day

If you can't attend one of our open days in person, or would like to explore our campuses before visiting, take a look at our virtual open day:

www.nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

UCAS visit days

Once you've been offered a place at Nottingham, you may be invited to attend a UCAS visit day, which is an opportunity for you to visit the school and to find out more about your chosen course.

You will also be given a short tour of the campus by current students.

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Other visits

If you wish to make an informal visit to the University prior to applying here, you are welcome to do so, but you should contact us in advance if you wish to visit the school or speak to an admissions tutor, and we will do our best to oblige.

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