Midwifery

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Undergraduate guide 2018
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 the organisation of maternity care, and preparation for and care during labour. Research carried out in the Division of Midwifery is acknowledged internationally and informs maternity policy and services and ensures that midwifery education is based on the very latest research findings.

We provide a range of exciting 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.

Professor Helen Spiby
Head of the Division of Midwifery
School of Health Sciences

To find out where a degree in midwifery could take you, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences
Studying midwifery at Nottingham

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

Case-holding
We offer case-holding throughout all three years of the course, providing experience of offering continuity of care for women, babies and their families. Students are on-call for the birth, alongside seeing their case-held women in the ante and postnatal periods.

Study abroad
You will have the opportunity to undertake an international practice placement during your midwifery programme. This is an exciting opportunity for student midwives who are immersed in different settings that widen perspectives of midwifery care and allow them to look at midwifery from a different angle and with new eyes. Working within an unfamiliar setting encourages personal growth and development that enables learning and understanding to take place on an individual and professional level.

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Case-holding is giving you a lot more than you would experience as a midwife, as it’s not very often you get that whole journey through pregnancy, labour, and the postnatal period.

Natasha Redgate, BSc Midwifery

Our course

Degree title                  UCAS code  Duration  A levels  IB
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Single honours               
BSc Midwifery               B723    3 years   ABB^   32

* Please see page 10 for specific entry requirements.

English language requirements
IELTS 7.5 (no less than 7.0 in any element). For more information and a list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Developing your academic English and study skills
The Centre for English Language Education (CELE) offers you the opportunity to develop your English language skills at one of the world’s top universities. Accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English, CELE provides high-quality teaching, facilities and support. Our presessional courses take your English language and academic skills to the level you need to progress to undergraduate study without taking IELTS again. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

For more information about our course, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/midwifery

At a glance
- Fully accredited by the Baby-Friendly Initiative (BFI)
- Experience case-holding throughout each year of the course
- Study a course which leads to professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
BSc Midwifery

This three-year degree has been designed for those who wish to become a registered midwife, providing excellence in care to childbearing women and their families.

Year one
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 physiological needs of mother and baby, and begin to analyse and discuss the use of midwifery theory in practice.

The focus is on the promotion of normal childbirth and the midwife's professional role and responsibilities.

Year two
The second year further develops your analytical skills through exploring the different ways in which pregnancy and childbirth change women'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
In the third year, modules reflect the midwife's role as a practitioner of normal childbirth and their role in caring for women with complex health and social needs. The research proposal will enhance your analytical and research skills. You will also begin to develop the skills needed for effective management and leadership, with further opportunities to develop teaching skills.

Placements
Approximately 50% of the course is practice-based, giving you the opportunity to observe and participate in midwifery care. You will work alongside midwifery mentors in a range of midwifery settings, including women's own homes, community clinics and antenatal and postnatal wards, to offer support and education to help families prepare for and adapt to becoming parents.

Through placements, you are able to experience different trusts across multiple sites through our ‘home and away’ model. This provides a wider perspective of the healthcare sector, expanding your experience through meeting different women and their families with different needs. See page 8 for more details on placements.

To find more detailed course content, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/midwifery

Typical modules

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Modules may change, for example due to curriculum developments. The above list is a sample of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list. The most up to date information can be found on our website at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

I’ve really enjoyed the variety of placements the course has offered me. Through my experiences I now know I want to be a community midwife once I’m qualified.

Gemma Birkett, BSc Midwifery
Engaging study, incredible results

Most theoretical study takes place at the Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham, where there is a Clinical Skills Centre. We work in partnership with five local NHS trusts - Nottingham, Derby, Chesterfield, Mansfield and Lincoln - who provide clinical placements. You will be given the opportunity to indicate your preferred placement sites, although we cannot guarantee this.

Teaching and learning
Our three-year midwifery programme is based on a philosophy of normality of midwifery care. Teaching staff employ a variety of learning methods, including:
- inter-professional education
- lectures
- problem-based learning
- project work
- seminars
- simulation

Students can also take advantage of the free Health E-Learning and Media Team (HELM) Open database offering over 200 quality, peer-reviewed online learning and teaching resources. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/helmopen

Assessment
We assess you theoretically and clinically in a number of ways, including:
- an e-practice document
- clinical skills
- critical incident analysis
- debates
- essays
- numeracy testing
- objective structured clinical exams
- unseen written exams
- webfolio

You will also be assessed in practice by your sign-off midwife mentor.

Home and away placements
In your first year you will be allocated to one of our clinical placement sites, known as your ‘home’. For your second year you will be allocated to a different site, which is your ‘away’. You will return to your original ‘home’ clinical placement site for your third year.

Structured support at every stage
You will have access to a personal tutor who will support you throughout the course, giving you the opportunity to discuss academic progress, professional development and clinical practice advice, or to seek confidential help and advice.

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: unistats.co.uk

To find out more about the teaching at Nottingham, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/midwiferyteaching
How to apply

All applications for an undergraduate place to study at the University of Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

Applications should be made online atucas.com and candidates will be notified of decisions through UCAS using UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Entry requirements

GCSEs
- Eight preferred at level 7-4 (A-C) which must include English, maths and a science subject
- A pass is required in science practical tests, if assessed separately.

A levels
- Three A levels at ABB, including a science subject (biology, chemistry, physics or PE)

International Baccalaureate Diploma
- 32, including English, maths and a science subject at Higher Level

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level entry requirements, but we accept a much broader range of qualifications.
These include:
- Access to HE Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- BTEC HND/HNC
- BTEC Extended Diploma
- Cambridge Pre-U
- International Baccalaureate
- Irish Leaving Certificate
- Scottish Advanced Highers
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma

This list is not exhaustive; we will consider applicants with other qualifications on an individual basis. Please contact us to discuss the suitability of your qualification.

Flexible admissions policy
We recognise that some educational and personal circumstances affect achievement. If we judge that you have experienced circumstances that have adversely affected your achievement, we will consider them when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may vary the offer as a result. For the most up to date information about our offers, please see the entry requirements section of our course pages on our online prospectus. For more information about this policy, please see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/international

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.

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.

The selection process
This course has two student intakes, one in September and one in the following January. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to select which intake they would prefer during the selection event.

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 successfully shortlisted, you will then be invited to attend a selection event.

To see a breakdown of the selection day, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/selection-day

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.

Over one-third of our UK students receive our means-tested core bursary, worth up to £2,000 a year. For details, see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport
World class for employability

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 professionals 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.

A newly qualified NHS midwife will start at Band 5, where salaries range from £22,128-£28,747. After around 6-24 months with skill development, a Band 6 midwife would gain a salary of £26,565-£35,577. **

Our graduates

Many of our graduates go on to work as midwives specialising in areas such as normality, teenage pregnancy, infant feeding and health promotion. Midwives may also further their careers in the areas of teaching, management or 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.

Careers and Employability Service

Our Careers and Employability Service has a team dedicated to Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences students. They will be on hand to offer you specialist support and guidance throughout your degree and for life after you graduate.

Whether you need help writing a CV, preparing for an interview or exploring career ideas, you can book one-to-one appointments or come along to a workshop. Each term there is also an exciting events schedule, bringing you face-to-face with employers offering real-life insight into their professions.

Find out where Nottingham could take you and network with our graduates on LinkedIn.

The Nottingham Advantage Award

The award-winning Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers want. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Postgraduate study

Some students will return to Nottingham and join our lively community of postgraduate research students with the department, from MSc level through to PhD.

Find out more about the Careers and Employability service at nottingham.ac.uk/careers

* Known destinations of full-time home first degree undergraduates 2014/15.
Salaries are calculated based on those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
** Correct as of 1 April 2017.
Experience it in a world beyond ordinary

There’s so much for you to get involved in and explore at the University and around the city. Whether you’re interested in sports, learning a language or just having fun with friends alongside studying, you’ll be spoilt for choice.

Getting involved in your Students’ Union

University of Nottingham Students’ Union (UoNSU) is a brilliant, diverse community, and whether you are an undergraduate or postgraduate, first-year or final-year student, you are a part of it. With 300+ student-led groups, clubs and societies, hundreds of volunteering opportunities and support for every stage of your university journey, your Students’ Union offers something for everyone. Find out more: su.nottingham.ac.uk

Sport

The University of Nottingham is one of the UK’s leading universities for sport and is currently ranked 4th in the university sport rankings*. We have one of the biggest portfolios of sports facilities in the country including the brand new £40m David Ross Sports Village. We also have a rich heritage of supporting Olympic medallists and we have more than 70 student sports clubs to choose from. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/sport

*British Universities and Colleges Sport Standings, 2015/16.

Music

All student musicians at the University of Nottingham are encouraged to get involved with the vibrant musical life on campus. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/music/performance

Your new home from home

At Nottingham we offer a wide range of room types across the campuses in both catered and self-catered accommodation. From standard single rooms with shared bathrooms to large en-suite studios and flats, there’s something to suit every budget and personal choice. For current pricing and to review all accommodation options please visit nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Exploring your new city

Nottingham city centre is just a 10-minute bus ride away from University Park Campus, so you’re always close to the action. There are plenty of music venues, from the world-famous Rock City to the Motorpoint Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. If you enjoy shopping, there are independent boutiques and vintage shops as well as high street names in our large shopping centres. Nottingham is also a hotspot for dining, with a great choice of cuisines on offer. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support and advise you, including tutors and dedicated staff. We have Student Service Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices

Your opportunity to study abroad

We offer a range of study abroad opportunities with many students having the option to live and study in another country as part of their university career. Studying or working abroad is a fantastic opportunity to broaden your horizons, experience different cultures, and develop the key skills that employers are looking for. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/studyabroad

Learn a language

The University’s Language Centre gives you the opportunity to study a language alongside your course. All languages are offered from beginners’ level with some going up to near native competency. There are nine languages to choose from: Modern Standard Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and Spanish. Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre
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