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Join a global community of over 46,000 students, from more than 150 countries

Be inspired by our award-winning campuses
Our UK campuses have won 22 Green Flag Awards between them

Fully accredited by the UNICEF Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI)

Experience case-holding throughout each year of the course

Outstanding teaching and learning
Teaching Excellence Framework, 2017

Placement opportunities across four NHS trust sites

A member of the prestigious Russell Group and founding member of the global Universitas 21 network

Have the option to complete the Newborn and Infant Physical Examination (NIPE) pathway

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Welcome to the Division of Midwifery

Our highly regarded Division of Midwifery is part of the School of Health Sciences and has a well-established reputation for teaching and research excellence.

We aim to make a valuable contribution to improving healthcare for childbearing women and their families. We do this, firstly, by providing pre and post-registration education that utilises innovative methods and optimal use of technology, always with an emphasis on student-centred learning. Pre-registration midwifery education is provided in partnership with local National Health Service Trusts.

Secondly, we collaborate locally, nationally and internationally in research that addresses important questions in different aspects of midwifery practice and maternity care. Research carried out in the Division of Midwifery is acknowledged internationally, informs maternity policy and services and ensures that midwifery education is based on the very latest research findings.

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

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 care for women during the antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal periods. Students are on-call for the birth.

Study abroad
You will have the option to undertake a self-funded international practice placement during your course. This is an exciting opportunity for student midwives who are interested in experiencing a different perspective of midwifery care, in another country.

Through working within a different healthcare setting, your personal growth and development will be enhanced. Your learning and knowledge will also develop on a more individual level, enriched by a wider understanding of your profession.
**Our course**

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**English language requirements**

IELTS 7.5 (no less than 7.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

**Academic English preparation**

If you require additional support to take your language skills to the required level, you may be able to attend a presessional course at the Centre for English Language Education, which is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Students who successfully complete the presessional course to the required level can progress onto their chosen degree course without retaking IELTS or equivalent. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

**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 the focus is on the midwife’s professional role and responsibilities, as well as the promotion of normal childbirth.

You will begin to learn the psychomotor skills needed to assess the physiological needs of mother and baby, and start to analyse and discuss the use of midwifery theory in practice.

**Year two**

The second year further develops your analytical skills through exploring more complex needs of women and babies. Practice placements enable you to analyse the appropriateness of care and develop problem-solving skills. Opportunities to gain additional 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 real-life midwifery care. You will work alongside qualified midwives in a variety of different settings including: women’s homes, the community, alongside/ freestanding midwifery units and in the hospital, offering care, support and education to help families prepare for and adapt to becoming parents.

Through placements and our ‘home and away model’, you will work across different trusts and meet women and families with different needs. This provides a wider perspective of the healthcare sector and enhances your professional experience. See page 11 for more details on placements.

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/midwifery
Case-holding gives 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.

Lorna McGinness

The programme is well structured and the tutors are extremely helpful, there’s help and support available whenever I need it. I’ve formed friendships for life and I’m looking forward to the experiences and challenges ahead.

BSc Midwifery

Natasha Redgate

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BSc Midwifery

Lyndsey Foster

I’ve loved studying midwifery at Nottingham. I’ve gained many different experiences while on placement and really enjoy learning about the theory behind those experiences. I feel very grateful for the friends I’ve made on this course and the support they provide.

BSc Midwifery

Typical modules

Year one

Core
- Normal Childbirth
- Normal Midwifery Practice in Contemporary Society
- The Compassionate and Professional Midwife
- The Novice Student Midwife in Practice

Year two

Core
- Complex Childbirth and the Midwife
- Perinatal Health and the Role of the Midwife
- Research Skills for Evidence-Based Maternity Care
- The Developing Student Midwife in Practice

Year three

Core
- Research Evidence for High Quality Midwifery Practice
- The Competent Student Midwife in Practice
- The Politics of Maternity Care
- The Professional Midwife in Contemporary Society

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/midwifery

What our students said
Engaging study, incredible results

Most theoretical study takes place at the Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham, in our Clinical Skills Centre. We work in partnership with four local NHS trusts to provide diverse clinical placements in Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Chesterfield and Mansfield.

Teaching and learning
The three-year midwifery programme’s central focus is the normality of midwifery care. Teaching staff employ a variety of methods to facilitate student learning including:
- inter-professional education
- lectures
- seminars
- simulation
- flipped learning

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. This includes the Midwifery Open Resources for Education (MORE). Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/helmopen

Structured support at every stage
A personal tutor will support you throughout the programme, who can advise you on your academic progress, and offer pastoral support if required.

Assessment
You are assessed in both theory and practice in a number of ways.
In theory:
- debates
- essays
- numeracy testing
- objective structured clinical exams
- unseen written exams
- webfolio

In practice mentors will grade you using:
- an online webfolio
- assessment of practice

Home and away placements
In your first year you will be allocated to a clinical placement site, your ‘home’, and for your second year your placement will be at a different trust, your ‘away’. You will return to your original ‘home’ placement site for your third year. This experience develops an understanding of midwifery care in a different context.

You will be given the opportunity to indicate your preferred placement sites, although we cannot guarantee this.

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

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy
Outstanding careers support

98.6% of undergraduates in the School of Health Sciences had secured work or further study within six months of graduation*

Midwives are autonomous practitioners and are the lead professionals for all healthy women with straightforward pregnancies.

Midwives work closely with other professions 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.

£22,000 was the average starting salary of our graduates in 2017*

What can I earn as a midwife

Many of our graduates go on to work as midwives in the community or in a hospital setting. 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.

A newly qualified NHS midwife will start at Band 5, with a salary of £24,214. With skill development, you could progress to Band 6 with a salary of £30,401-£37,267.**

Amplify your potential

Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage

The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. 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, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Postgraduate study

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

* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17.
Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
** Figures for 2019/20 pay bands at nhsemployers.org
How to apply

All applications for full-time undergraduate study with us, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through 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.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

DBS and occupational health
All offers are subject to being successful at interview, satisfactory health screening, and disclosure and barring service (DBS) clearance.

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. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students, who are defined as 21 years old and over. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

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
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.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

Experience it

In 2020/21, the University will provide generous bursaries to support lower-income students. For details, including eligibility, see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

How to apply
This brochure has been drafted in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of publishing, but changes (for example to course content) are likely to occur given the interval between publication and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check our website for any updates before you apply for the course by following nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence.

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