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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 women of childbearing age 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 carer 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 opportunity to undertake a self-funded international practice placement during your midwifery programme. This is an exciting opportunity for student midwives who will be able to experience a different perspective of midwifery care in another country. Working within a different setting encourages personal growth and development that enables learning and understanding to take place on an individual and professional level. In 2016/17, 41% of our midwifery students engaged in international opportunities.
**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](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](nottingham.ac.uk/cele).

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**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 start 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 more complex needs of women and babies. 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 qualified midwives in a range of midwifery settings, including women’s own homes, community clinics and antenatal, labour and postnatal wards to offer midwifery care, support and education to help families prepare for and adapt to becoming parents.

Through placements, you will be able to experience working in different trusts through the ‘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 11 for more details on placements.

[nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/midwifery](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/midwifery](http://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/midwifery)

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### What our students said

#### 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

“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.

**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**
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 six local NHS trusts - Nottingham, Derby, Chesterfield, Mansfield, Burton 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
The three year midwifery programme’s central tenet 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

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 years one and three you will be allocated a placement known as your ‘home,’ and for the whole of year two, you will be placed at a different hospital known as your ‘away’ placement. This experience develops an understanding of midwifery care in a different context.

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.

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

nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/midwifery
Midwifery is an intellectually and emotionally demanding career. 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.

A newly qualified NHS midwife will start at Band 5, where salaries range from £22,128-£28,746. 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 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.

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.

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.

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* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.

** Latest figures from healthcareers.nhs.uk
How to apply

All applications for undergraduate study at Nottingham, 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 demonstrate awareness of the role of a midwife, 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
Please visit our online prospectus page for a full list of our entry requirements: nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/midwifery

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 clearance
All offers are subject to being successful at the selection day, 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 applicants who have a significant gap in education. 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. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/go/international-applicants

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.

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* British Universities and Colleges Sports Standings, 2016-17.

Experience it

Around one-third of our UK students receive our means-tested core bursary, worth up to £2,000 a year (2018 entry figure; subject to change). For details, see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

How do I apply?

Live and study abroad as part of many courses
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