

BSc (Hons) Midwifery with professional registration (Three year programme)

Programme Specification



1. Programme title	BSc(Hons) Midwifery with Professional Registration (Three Year Programme)
2. Awarding institution	Middlesex University
3a. Teaching institution	Middlesex University
3b. Language of study	English
4a. Valid intake dates	September Hendon Campus
4b. Mode of study	Full-time
5. Professional/Statutory/Regulatory body	Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
6. Apprenticeship Standard	N/A
7. Final qualification(s) available	BSc(Hons) Midwifery with Professional Registration Cert HE Healthcare Practice Dip HE Healthcare Practice BSc Healthcare Practice
8. Year effective from	2021/2022

9. Criteria for admission to the programme

Middlesex University has a flexible and personalized approach to admissions and we accept applications from students with a wide range of qualifications and a combination of qualifications. The requirements for our most common entry qualifications are as follows:

120-128 UCAS Tariff points including GCSE Grade C/4 in English and Maths, or equivalencies such as level 2 Functional Skills

A Levels: BBB

BTEC: DDM

Access Requirements: Overall pass, must include 45 credits at Level 3, of which 15 must be at Distinction and 30 credits must be at Merit or higher.

Combinations: A combination of A-Level, BTEC and other accepted qualifications that total 56-64

UCAS Tariff points.

Other relevant qualifications may be considered provided they are equivalent to the qualifications listed above.

Further requirements:

- You must demonstrate that you have experience of working, this does not have to be in the field of healthcare
- You are required to produce evidence of study within the last five years
- To begin the course you must complete a satisfactory enhanced DBS check, Occupational Health Check and provide suitable references

We are unable to accept applications for deferred entry or defer existing offers for this programme to the next possible start date.

10. Aims of the programme

The programme aims to:

- Provide opportunities for students to meet the statutory requirements contained in the European Midwives Directive 2005/36/EC
- Prepare the students to achieve the NMC standards of proficiency for midwifery
- Ensure that the educational strategies used will produce autonomous, critical, and reflective practitioners
- Motivate the students to view education as a lifelong process so they will continue to broaden personal and professional horizons
- Ensure students have an understanding of the requirements of legislation relevant to the practice of midwifery
- Ensure students have an understanding of ethical issues relating to midwifery practice and the responsibilities which these impose on the midwife's professional practice
- Enable students to function effectively in a multi-professional team with an understanding of the role of all members of the team
- Ensure students appreciate the influence of social, political and cultural factors in relation to health care
- Encourage students to be proactive in effecting changes that will benefit mothers nationally and internationally

11. Programme outcomes

A. Knowledge and understanding

On completion of this programme the successful student will have knowledge and understanding of :

1. Professional and ethical practice and understanding of requirements of relevant legislation
2. Preconception, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care for mother and baby
3. Normal and high risk midwifery including the neonate and pharmacology
4. Psychosocial, emotional, political, and cultural factors in relation to

Teaching/learning methods

Students gain knowledge and understanding through problem solving, attendance at lectures, seminars, workshops, simulated practical skills, e- learning, clinical experience, case loading and through a variety of directed and self-directed learning activities.

Assessment methods

Students' knowledge and understanding is assessed by both formative and summative assessment which includes, Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), drills and skills, clinical assessment, reflection, course work and examinations

<p>midwifery</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Personal and professional development 6. The Public health role of the midwife 7. Evidence based practice 8. Midwifery concepts and principles 9. The need for a holistic approach 10. Professional judgement and it's use in decision making 11. Critically reviewing and analysing midwifery practice 12. The importance of evaluation and reflection on midwifery practice 13. How to practice as an autonomous midwife 	
<p>B. Skills</p> <p>On completion of this programme the successful student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess, plan, implement and evaluate midwifery care 2. Effectively utilise health promotion opportunities 3. Demonstrate a range of essential antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal midwifery skills e.g. antenatal booking, conduct of a normal birth, postnatal examination, support breast feeding and assess the needs of the infant 4. Recognize risk factors and make appropriate referrals 5. Respond appropriately to obstetric emergencies 6. Maintain and review clinical records 7. Demonstrate critical understanding and reflection of the above competencies. 8. Use appropriate and effective communication and interpersonal skills in midwifery practice 9. Work collaboratively with members of the multidisciplinary team 10. Be reflective and accept responsibility for lifelong learning in personal and career development 11. Use information technology and other learning resources effectively 12. Use numeracy skills and apply to midwifery 13. Utilise processes for effective 	<p>Teaching/learning methods</p> <p>Students learn practical skills through demonstration, observation, participation & feedback e.g. on perineal repair, venepuncture and abdominal examination, role modelling, role play, simulated activities e.g. experiential learning e.g. management of post-partum haemorrhage, shoulder dystocia, neonatal and maternal resuscitation</p> <p>Graduate skills are acquired through group work and exercises, structured learning, practical work, reflection, literature searches, group and individual tutorials.</p> <p>Assessment Method</p> <p>Students' practical skills are assessed by formative assessment including classroom and skills laboratory simulations. The Clinical Practice Assessment Document (MPAD) forms the basis to assess students' progress in practice. It comprises a learning agreement, a formative part for discussion and reflection and summative assessment.</p> <p>Students' graduate skills are assessed, formatively and summatively, by using a variety of methods including interprofessional learning in both theoretical and practical components of coursework, case loading, portfolio development, clinical assessments, e learning, individual and group presentations, dissertation, project, drug calculations and report writing.</p>

learning 14. Demonstrate critical and analytical thinking in the performance of the above skills	
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12. Programme structure (levels, modules, credits and progression requirements)

12.1 Overall structure of the programme

Students study full time for 156 weeks (3 years) including annual leave. The programme comprises 50% theory and 50% practice. Each year is comprised of 45 programmed weeks with a total of seven weeks annual leave including public holidays distributed within the year.

Students study a combination of modules during the programme. Modules attract 30 credits at Level 4, 5 or 6. All modules on the programme are compulsory. Based on the NMC’s guiding principles, a thematic approach has been developed to inform module development. The themes are: anatomy and physiology/pathophysiology; cultural and psychosocial issues; interprofessional working; professional, legal and ethical issues; effective practice skills. A total of 360 credits are required for the programme.

Theory and practice have been arranged to give continuous clinical practice during each year and designed to allow progression in midwifery skills and ability. Clinical practice is assessed using the Clinical Practice Assessment Document (MPAD), which indicates stages of achievement in midwifery practice. The programme has been structured to link theory and practice at all stages, building on knowledge gained in modules in previous years. Dedicated 30 credit practice modules run concurrently with the theory modules during each year.

Students have to attend, on average, 34.5 hours per week during each clinical practice week. They are required to work shifts to experience a 24 hour/ seven-day care to develop understanding of the needs and experiences of women and babies throughout a 24-hour period. They are supported in the practice area by practice supervisors and are assessed by Practice Assessors. To promote the development of proficiency and promote continuity, students follow a small caseload according to the Middlesex University’s system. There will be opportunities for students to gain some experience in ‘out of midwifery’ areas to enhance their understanding of ill health in maternity in their second year. However all students shall have supernumerary status throughout the three years of the programme.

All students are eligible to register with the NMC as a midwife on successful completion of the programme.

The programme has been developed in partnership with the NHS Trusts where practice placements are undertaken, ILRS staff, students and users of maternity services. The fundamental principle of the pre-registration programme is to prepare practitioners who are fit to practise at the point of registration, holding the skills and ability to practise safely and effectively without the need for direct supervision.

	Modules				Credits	Exit Award
Year 1	MWY1100 Foundations of Midwifery 30 credits	MWY1101 Foundations of Professional Practice in Midwifery 30 credits	MWY1102 Midwifery Practice Module 1 30 credits	MWY1103 Midwifery Practice Module 2 30 credits	120 credits at Level 4 ↓	Cert HE Healthcare Practice (awarded if students exit with 120 credits)

Year 2	MWY2101 Wider Context of Midwifery 30 credits	MWY2102 Care of Mother and Baby with Complex Care Needs 30 credits	MWY2103 Midwifery Practice Module 3 30 credits	MWY2203 Approaches to Health and Social Care Research 30 credits	120 credits at Level 5 ↓	Diploma HE Healthcare Practice (awarded if students exit with 240 credits)
Year 3	MWY3101 Towards Autonomous Midwifery Practice 30 credits	MWY3102 Midwifery Practice Module 4 30 credits	MWY3103 Midwifery Practice Module 4 30 credits	MWY3330 Dissertation Module 30 credits	120 credits at Level 6 60/90 credits at Level 6	BSc(Hons) Midwifery with Professional Registration BSc Healthcare Practice

12.2 Levels and modules		
Level 4		
COMPULSORY	OPTIONAL	PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS
Students must take all of the following: MWY1100 Foundations of Midwifery 30 credits MWY1101 Foundations of Professional Practice in Midwifery 30 credits MWY 1102 Midwifery Practice Module 1 30 credits MWY 1103 Midwifery Practice Module 2 30 credits	Not applicable	In order to progress on the programme students are required to successfully complete all theoretical and practical modules at Grade 16 or above. All outstanding written assessments must be completed and all clinical practice assessments must normally be passed before progression to the next year Students also need to have met the attendance requirements for both theory and practice outlined in the attendance policy for the programme.
Level 5		
COMPULSORY	OPTIONAL	PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

<p>Students must take all of the following:</p> <p>MWY 2101 Wider Context of Midwifery 30 credits</p> <p>MWY2102 Care of mother and baby with complex needs 30 credits</p> <p>MWY 2203 Approaches to Health and Social Care Research 30 credits</p> <p>MWY 2103 Midwifery Practice Module 3 30 credits</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>In order to progress on the programme students are required to successfully complete all theoretical and practical modules at Grade 16 or above.</p> <p>All outstanding written assessments must be completed and all clinical practice assessments must normally be passed before progression to the next year</p> <p>Students also need to have met the attendance requirements for both theory and practice outlined in the attendance policy for the programme</p>
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<p>Level 6</p>		
<p>COMPULSORY</p>	<p>OPTIONAL</p>	<p>PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS</p>
<p>Students must take all of the following:</p> <p>MWY 3101 Towards Autonomous Midwifery Practice 30 credits</p> <p>MWY 3330 Dissertation 30 credits</p> <p>MWY 3102 Midwifery Practice Module 4 30 credits</p> <p>MWY 3103 Midwifery Practice Module 5 30 credits</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>In order to progress on the programme students are required to successfully complete all theoretical and practical modules at Grade 16 or above.</p> <p>All outstanding written assessments must be completed and all clinical practice assessments must be passed in the final year.</p> <p>Students also need to have met the attendance requirements for both theory and practice outlined in the attendance policy for the programme.</p>

<p>12.3 Non-compensatable modules</p>	
<p>Module level</p>	<p>Module code</p>

Level 4	MWY1100 MWY1101 MWY1102 MWY1103
Level 5	MWY2101 MWY2102 MWY2103 MWY2203
Level 6	MWY3101 MWY3102 MWY3103 MWY3330

13. Information about assessment regulations

This programme will run in line with general University Regulations:

- Where there is more than one component to a module assessment, students are required to achieve a Grade 16 or above in all components in order to pass the module
- Students must normally complete all outstanding written assessments and pass any clinical assessments before being allowed to progress to the next term
- All written and practice components of the programme must be passed in order to progress and successfully complete the programme
- Compensation and automatic deferral is not permitted

14. Placement opportunities, requirements and support (if applicable)

Students are allocated to appropriate learning areas thereby gaining experience in their designated Hospital Trust and community within the London NHS Strategic Health Authority. Responsibility for this is shared between link teachers for each Trust and the University's placement officer. Clinician input is actively sought by link teachers to link practice within the organisational structure of the individual maternity unit to maximise learning. Each student will work alongside Practice Supervisors, who support and supervise the student and will be assessed by Practice Assessors. All students are supervised until they complete the programme.

15. Future careers / progression

Students are awarded BSc (Hons) Midwifery and are entitled to register with the NMC as a registered midwife to be able to practise in the UK, EU and many parts of the world. With further experience students may pursue the MSc programme or other higher studies.

16. Particular support for learning (if applicable)

Learning resources
 Learning Enhancement Team (LET) facilities
 Disability support services
 Clinical Skills Laboratories
 Practice Supervisors and named Practice Assessors within clinical practice areas
 Clinical Practice Facilitators in Trusts
 Link Tutor in clinical practice
 Personal Tutor system
 Use of student website, UniHub, with own personalised portal myUniHub

17. JACS code (or other relevant coding system)	144B720
18. Relevant QAA subject benchmark(s)	Health Care subjects/professions Subgroup: Midwifery

19. Reference points
<p>European Union Standards of Midwifery Directive 2005/36/EC (2nd edition)</p> <p>Middlesex University Regulations 2020/2021</p> <p>Middlesex University Learning and Quality Enhancement Handbook 2020/2021</p> <p>Cumberlege, J. (2016) Better Births: Improving outcomes of maternity services in England. A five year forward view for maternity care.</p> <p>NHS England and NHS Improvement (2020) Better Births four years on: a review of progress</p> <p>Nursing and Midwifery Council (2018) The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates</p> <p>Nursing and Midwifery Council (2009) Standards for pre-registration midwifery education.</p> <p>Nursing and Midwifery Council (2018) UK Quality Code for Higher Education</p>

20. Other information
<p>In order to complete the programme students must meet the attendance requirements in the programme's attendance policy.</p> <p>It is accepted that students may wish to transfer from another approved HEI (Standard 8). In addition to NMC guidelines, students must study no less than one third of their total credits with Middlesex University and need to have met the University's criteria for entry.</p> <p>Students must demonstrate that they have good health and good character on entry to, and during their continued participation on the programme. On successful completion of the programme a final declaration about good health and character supported by the Lead Midwife for Education (LME) is submitted to the NMC prior to registration. The programme must be completed within six years, including interruptions, from the commencement date.</p>

Please note programme specifications provide a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information about the programme can be found in the rest of your programme handbook and the university regulations.

Curriculum map for BSc(Hons) Midwifery with Professional Registration

This section shows the highest level at which programme outcomes are to be achieved by all graduates, and maps programme learning outcomes against the modules in which they are assessed.

Programme learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding	
A1	Professional and ethical practice and an understanding of the requirements of relevant legislation
A2	Preconception, antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care for mother and baby
A3	Normal and high risk midwifery including the neonate and pharmacology
A4	Psychosocial, emotional, political and cultural factors in relation to midwifery
A5	Personal and professional development
A6	Public health role of the midwife
A7	Evidence based practice
A8	Demonstrate understanding of midwifery concepts and principles
A9	Recognition of the need for an holistic approach
A10	Professional judgement and decision making
A11	Critically review and analyse midwifery practice
A12	Evaluation and reflection in midwifery practice
A13	Practise as an autonomous midwife
Skills	
B1	Assess, plan and implement effective midwifery care
B2	Effectively utilise health promotion opportunities

B3	Demonstrate a range of essential antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal midwifery skills e.g. antenatal booking, conduct of a normal birth, postnatal examination, support breast feeding and assess the needs of the infant
B4	Recognise risk factors and make appropriate referrals
B5	Respond appropriately to obstetric emergencies
B6	Maintain and review clinical records
B7	Demonstrate critical understanding and reflection of the above competencies
B8	Use appropriate and effective communication and interpersonal skills in midwifery practice
B9	Work collaboratively with members of the multidisciplinary team
B10	Be reflective and accept responsibility for lifelong learning in personal and career development
B11	Use information technology and other learning resources effectively
B12	Use numeracy skills and apply to midwifery
B13	Utilise processes for effective learning
B14	Demonstrate critical and analytical skills in the demonstration of the above skills

Programme outcomes																											
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13	B14	
Highest level achieved by all graduates																											
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Module Title	Module Code	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13	B14
Foundations of Midwifery	MWY1100		X	X	X				X	X							X										X	
Foundations of Professional Practice in Midwifery	MWY1101	X				X			X																X	X	X	
Midwifery Practice Module 1	MWY1102	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			X				X						X					
Midwifery Practice Module 2	MWY1103	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			X				X						X			X		
Wider Context of Midwifery	MWY2101	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X					X					X
Care of mother and baby with complex care needs	MWY2102	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X									X	X
Approaches to Health and Social Care Research	MWY2203	X						X															X			X		
Midwifery Practice Module 3	MWY2103	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Towards Autonomous Midwifery Practice	MWY3101	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Dissertation Module	MWY3330	X	X			X		X			X	X													X		X	X
Midwifery Practice Module 4	MWY3102	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Midwifery Practice Module 5	MWY3103	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X

