

University of Suffolk

**DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	<b>BSc (Hons) Midwifery [Shortened]</b>
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### Course Summary

This course will enable you to acquire appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes to deliver safe and high-quality midwifery care for all women and their partners. It will also equip you to develop interpersonal and negotiation skills that can be utilised within a range of multidisciplinary settings to improve choice, access and continuity of care for childbearing women and their families. This is supported by recent research into women's experiences of maternity care, which identified good communication, support, involving women in their care and being treated with respect, dignity and kindness, as factors which contributed to a positive experience. Midwifery is an evolving profession, so a key part of this course is about developing the skills to adapt to new situations and to become a resilient practitioner to meet the needs of women, babies and families.

The course is divided into theoretical (50%) and practice components (50%). The practice learning and assessments takes place in a range of clinical placements.

The design of the course has been, and will continue to be, determined through the close, collaborative working relationship between the University of Suffolk, past and present students, Practice Partners and Service Users. The purpose of the programme is to support your development in order to meet the requirements for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). The course will continue to be, and will be updated as necessary to meet the requirements of the NMC standards for midwifery education.

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and circumstances (National Maternity Review, 2016). Midwives respect and enable the human rights of women and children, and their priority is to ensure that care always focuses on the needs, views, preferences, and decisions of the woman and the newborn (W1.6B (2) F5.0) the tsrt

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you with the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be registered as a qualified midwife.

### **Course Aims**

- x Provide educational opportunities which support students to provide skilled, knowledgeable, respectful and compassionate care for all women, newborn infants and their families. Acquire the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that are essential for the development of safe midwifery practice, professional competence and confidence.
  
- x Provide a broad and deep understanding of midwifery knowledge, skills, values and attitudes that are essential for the development of safe midwifery practice, professional competence and confidence, which promotes women centred care, embracing birth as a normal process and preventing complications.
  
- x Encourage an understanding of the role of midwives in helping to reduce the impact of health inequalities on women and families and their vital role in the public health agenda.
  
- x Develop enquiring, confident, autonomous midwives able to question evidence and practice with confidence and through developing management, scholarly and leadership qualities feel confident in their role as part of the multi-professional maternity care provision, committed to continuous improvement.
  
- x Facilitate the student to use analytical and enquiry-based learning skills to evaluate the relationship between the individual childbearing experience, theoretical constructs and evidenced based

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- x Organise, manage and evaluate care of childbearing women and their families including prioritising care.
- x Confidently apply knowledge base to undertake emergency procedures and refer to appropriate professional when required.
- x Critically compare and assess the multiple ideological influences within contemporary midwifery practice.

### 2. Subject specific skills

- x Critically reflect on the effectiveness of personal and professional judgment to achieve the best possible birth outcome for mother and baby.
- x Utilise strategies, which will assist with the integration of choice and implementation of continuity of care for childbearing women.
- x Appreciate a wide range of methodological approaches to achieving evidence-based midwifery care and midwifery perspectives to promote childbearing as a normal process.
- x Articulate the regulatory requirements for midwifery practice and code of professional conduct.

### 3. Key/common skills

- x Demonstrate qualities, including effective communication, initiative and proactive approaches, self-reflexivity and problem-solving skills in a variety of theoretical and practical settings.
- x Critically analyse, interpret and apply the evidence underpinning practice and evaluate, challenge and create change in practice accordingly.
- x Engage in effective collaboration with women and their families and other health and social care professionals.
- x Formulate strategies to develop their own lifelong learning and continuing professional

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**Course Structure**

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**Course Team**

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute and are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

**Course Costs**

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Midwifery [shortened] will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£9,250 per year
Full-time EU/International	£18,380 per year

From January 2022 to April 2024, Health Education England are offering a tuition fee contribution to eligible students of up to £9,250 per student per annum for the length of the course. Further information can be found here <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/maternity/shortened-midwifery-training->