

MIDWIFERY SCIENCES

This three-year degree programme integrates theory and practice, preparing students for an outstanding career in Midwifery. Students will spend 50 per cent of their time in class learning midwifery theory and clinical skills, and 50 per cent of their time with one of our internationally- recognised training partners in a wide variety of clinical and community settings.

Our highly-trained midwifery teaching staff are actively engaged in practice and our personal tutor system for student support is very well regarded.

Midwifery is a rewarding, dynamic and highly skilled profession. This course will equip midwives with the knowledge, skills and attributes to deliver person centred, team-based, safe, effective care in today's fast paced, challenging health service.

COURSE CONTENT

Designed to meet the targets set by the Strategy for Maternity Care in Northern Ireland 2012-2018 and Transforming Your Care, this programme develops all the knowledge, skills and attributes central to practice: woman/family-centred; clinically effective; competent and safe; evidence based; and established on caring and ethical principles. It provides students with direct contact with women, their babies and families in home, hospital and community settings under the supervision and guidance of lecturers and skilled midwives.

Modules are designed to develop the knowledge and skills that students will need to deal with normal midwifery practice and to co-ordinate the care of women experiencing more complex pregnancies.

Stage 1

You will be introduced to professional working alongside foundational knowledge and skills in Midwifery to support you in implementing safe and effective woman centred care.

Stage 2

You will deepen your knowledge of pregnancy and birth, and learn more about the complications that can arise.

Stage 3

Leadership will be a key focus in this final year whilst managing specialist and complex care and supporting women across a range of services. You will have the opportunity to consolidate your learning in practice preparing you to enter the register as an Midwife.

WHY QUEEN'S?

Professional Accreditation

Professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC 2010).

Simulation Suite

Learn and test your clinical skills through the use of state of the art simulation equipment. Our revolutionary facilities allow our educators to role play scenarios, including ultrasound scanning and simulated birthing. This activity takes place behind a one way mirror and provides the teaching team with the opportunity to observe and monitor the students' responses to the specific scenarios.

Skills Development

Midwives learn to be an integral part of a healthcare team. Within this School, multidisciplinary teams of medical students and midwifery students work together during interprofessional learning scenarios.

BSc Honours

Midwifery Sciences 3 yrs (B720)

See also Professional Nursing

Entrance Requirements

This information is prepared in advance of the academic year to which it relates and the grades stated should be treated as a guide only and entrance requirements are reviewed annually.

Overall academic background will be taken into account when considering applications and additional academic criteria may have to be applied at shortlisting, depending on the volume of applications.

All applicants (except Access/Foundation applicants) must normally have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade B to include Mathematics and a Science subject (ie Biology/Human Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Double Award Science or Single Award Science). GCSE or BTEC Applied Science is not acceptable in lieu of GCSE Science. A minimum of a grade C in GCSE English Language or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is also required.

Applicants offering Access/Foundation course qualifications must also have a grade B at GCSE in both Mathematics and a Science subject (see above) or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University. Within an Access programme, 70% in NICATS Mathematics and 70% in a Level 3 Biology or Chemistry or Physics module would fulfil the GCSE Mathematics and Science requirements.

In addition to the GCSE requirements, or equivalent, applicants must offer one of the following qualifications:

A-level:

BCC including a relevant Science (Biology/ Human Biology, Chemistry, Life & Health Sciences, Mathematics or Physics)

OR

BBC where a relevant Science subject is not offered.

BTEC Level 3 Extended/National Extended Diploma:

QCF Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma:

Successful completion (180 credits at Level 3) with 80 credits at Distinction grade and 100 credits at Merit grade.

RQF Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma:

Successful completion (1080 guided learning hours – GLH) with at least 420 GLHs at Distinction grade (with a minimum of 240 GLHs in externally assessed units) and 660 GLHs at Merit grade.

Access/Foundation Course:

65% with two modules of Biology or Chemistry or Physics

OR

70% with one module of Biology or Chemistry or Physics

OR

70% in an Access Course with no science modules

BTEC Higher National Diploma:

Successful completion with a minimum of 12 Merits and 4 Passes in individual units.

BTEC Higher National Certificate:

Successful completion with a minimum of a Merit grade in each unit.

Scottish Highers:

BBBCC where a relevant Science subject is offered (see list under A-level requirements)

OR

BBBCC where a relevant Science subject is not offered.

All applicants must have a minimum of 5 Standards at grade 2 or a minimum of 5 Intermediates/National 5 at grade B to include Mathematics and a Science subject. A minimum of a grade 3 in Standard English Language or a grade C in Intermediate/National 5 English Language is also required.

Graduates:

Honours Degree (minimum third class); Ordinary Degree (minimum pass). Graduates must satisfy the GCSE Mathematics and Science requirements as above.

Open University Credits:

A minimum of 120 OU Credits. Must satisfy the GCSE Mathematics and Science requirements as above.

Selection Process:

1. Applicants who satisfy the academic requirements or will be able to do so by 31 August 2020 are shortlisted for interview on the basis of their Personal Statement in their UCAS application. This is scored

against criteria set by the Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery (NIPEC)..

2. Interviews normally take place in March and use the Multi-mini Interview format to test value-based skills.

3. Offers are made on the basis of ranked interview scores and are subject to satisfactory Occupational Health Assessment and Criminal Record check(s), in addition to any academic requirements. More detail can be found on the School's website.

For students whose first language is not English:

An IELTS score of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in Speaking, Reading and Listening test components, and a minimum of 6.5 in the Writing test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs



“Great course! I’m in the final year of my degree and I have loved every minute of it! Great support from staff.”

NSS2018

BSc Midwifery Sciences

Queen's is the only university in Northern Ireland offering a degree in Midwifery. Students undertaking our programmes may be eligible to have their fees paid by the Department of Health (DoH), and to receive a bursary.

Global Opportunities

Student exchange programmes enrich your ability to critically compare the diverse delivery of health care and practice from a more global perspective. As globalisation becomes increasingly important, the opportunity to study abroad, and experience another culture is a rewarding and meaningful experience. Final year students have the opportunity to apply for an international elective placement with the guidance and support from International co-ordinators in midwifery.

CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Studying for a BSc (Hons) Midwifery Sciences degree at Queen's will assist you in developing the core skills and employment-related experiences that are valued by employers, professional organisations and academic institutions. Graduates from this degree at Queen's are well regarded by employers both nationally and internationally.

The majority of our graduates pursue a career in midwifery which offers a diverse range of post registration opportunities to specialise in areas such as: bereavement counselling; antenatal screening coordination; perinatal mental health; family planning and reproductive sexual health; ultra sound scanning; public health and health promotion; breastfeeding support; neonatology, and education and research.

Further study is also an option open to Midwifery graduates. For taught postgraduate programmes, students can follow the Master's in Advanced Professional Practice. Students can also choose from a comprehensive list of research topics to follow research degree programmes.

Entrance requirements

e: admissions@qub.ac.uk
t: +44 (0)28 9097 3838

Course information

Gail Anderson,
Lead Midwife Education
School of Nursing and Midwifery

e: nursing@qub.ac.uk
t: +44 (0)28 9097 2233
w: qub.ac.uk/nur