BSc (Hons) Midwifery

About our course

A midwife is an evidence-based healthcare practitioner who provides a safe, respectful, caring and personalised service to women, their babies and families. The midwife provides care before the baby is born, during the birth and afterwards in the ‘post partum’ period.

The BSc (Hons) Midwifery will prepare you to achieve the requirements of the National Nursing and Midwifery Council and European Midwives Directives to become a practising Midwife.

What you will study

Year 1: You will study two trans-disciplinary modules called Learning Together Working Together and Biological Knowledge for Practice and the Fundamental Principles of Midwifery Practice module. There is a mixture of community and hospital placements in this year.

Year 2: This is where midwifery theory expands to include the care of women in the inter-partum period and more complex childbearing in a range of physical, psychological/emotional and social contexts. There is an equal split between theory and practice. This year is hospital-based.

Year 3: There is a greater balance of practice to theory: students will hone skills in higher risk emergency care and care for a small caseload of women under indirect supervision and a Final year project.

Employability

100% of our students are in work or study after six months. There are many opportunities for Midwives – from rotational posts in Hospital/Community to Specialist Practitioner and Management roles. Post Registration Professional development includes progressing to Masters and PhD level of study.

Our students

Away from the demands of academia and practice, our Midwifery students had the chance to present their ideas on a national platform, at the Maternity, Mother and Baby conference in Birmingham.

The students showed work as part of a module on promoting health for childbearing women, in response to recent CMACE report: Saving Mothers Lives: Reviewing maternal deaths to make motherhood safer. The materials were highly regarded and the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust are now producing them for the wards and clinical areas.

Leeds Midwifery degree recognised by UNICEF

The School of Healthcare was one of the first Universities, within the north of England, to be accredited by the UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative.

Leeds midwifery graduates will be able to translate their first class knowledge and skills into high quality, research-informed, support for breastfeeding women and their infants and to support the promotion of breastfeeding at home and abroad.
Entry requirements

**GCSEs:** normally 5 GCSE’s at grade C or above, to include Science at grade B, and Maths and English at grade B.

**A Levels (A2):** ABB including A level, normally an A grade in Biology. We accept all A level subjects for the remaining grades except General Studies and Critical Thinking.

**BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (QCF):** D*D*D* in healthcare/health science

**Access to Higher Education:** which must be passed at distinction and include 15 credits from Biology subjects. We consider Access Courses to be suitable for applicants aged 21 plus, who have been out of full-time education and have had no previous access to higher education.*

**Interdisciplinary Science Foundation Programme (CFGO):** Successful completion of the year with an overall score of at least 65%.

**Irish Leaving Certificate:** AABBBB including B in English and Maths, and A in Biology.

**Scottish Advanced Highers:** ABB including A in biology. We accept all subjects for the remaining grades.

**International Baccalaureate:** Overall score 34 points including 3 Higher Level subjects at minimum of Grade 5, one of which must be biology.

**English requirements for candidates for whom English is not their first language:**

- **IELTS:** 7.0 overall with no less than 7.0 in listening and speaking plus not less than 7.0 in writing and reading.
- **ibTOEFL:** 100 overall with no less than 23 in Listening, 23 in Reading, 24 in Writing and 25 in Speaking.

Evidence of study in the last 5 years.

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**Fees and bursaries**

All tuition fees for this programme currently are paid by the NHS. This is subject to change, please see website for details. Students are eligible to receive an NHS means tested bursary; visit [http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students) to find out more.

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**Applications**

Please apply to:

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ Tel: 0870 112 2200 [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) By 15th January.

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**Further Information**

Admissions, School of Healthcare, University of Leeds, Baines Wing, Leeds. LS2 9UT. Tel: 0113 343 1347 Email: admissions@healthcare.leeds.ac.uk

**School website**

[http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/soh](http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/soh)

**NMC website**

[http://www.nmc-uk.org/Students/](http://www.nmc-uk.org/Students/)

* Applicants are strongly advised to contact the School to discuss the suitability of their chosen Access course