

**Programme title: MSc Midwifery**

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Degree Awarding Body:	University of Bradford
Partner(s), delivery organisation or support provider (if appropriate):	
Final and interim award(s):	[Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) level 7] MSc Midwifery Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery
Programme accredited by (if appropriate):	
Programme duration:	Up to 3 YEARS
QAA Subject benchmark statement(s):	N/A
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**Introduction**

The Faculty of Health Studies is a major provider of education and training for individuals working within the health, social, independent and community/voluntary sector organisations across, the Yorkshire and Humber Region and wider. The Faculty's focus on excellence through knowledge, practice, research, leadership and management aims to support the future sustainability of individuals, through lifelong learning and improved employability and thereby influencing the future adaptability of individual organisations and service delivery to promote change. Students who have undertaken the award and modules within this programme have gone onto advanced practice roles, being able to undertake roles and activities that develop the profession.

The MSc Midwifery programme and its nested awards aims to develop midwives and nurses to work effectively with people of varied cultures, beliefs and practices, within the context of current and future demands of midwifery practice

The programme adopts a holistic approach to developing registered practitioners into skilled leaders of the profession. This award is available for registered midwives who are registered within the EU and

The programme is designed to develop the skills in complex reasoning, critical thinking and analysis required to undertake these roles. The awards offer you the opportunity to apply knowledge to a range of clinical and professional situations through reflection and practice experience, supported by an experienced mentor. Learning and teaching is designed to equip you with skills in using a range of information, data, tools and techniques to improve the quality of patient care and health outcomes as well as demonstrate impact and value.

### **Faculty of Health Studies Specialist Skills and Post Registration Development (SSPRD) Framework for Flexible Learning**

The programme is delivered within the context of the Faculty of Health Studies, where you can include advanced practice topics such as prescribing and examination of the new born. The programme sits within the Faculty's Framework for continuing development providing an opportunity you to develop a bespoke package of content, to ensure both the needs of service and your individual professional development can be met.

The flexibility offered by the Faculty of Health Studies' SSPRD framework will enable you to take forward your current experience whatever the area of your work, in collaboration with the University of Bradford. You will be able to obtain credits for short episodes of study, transfer credits from prior certificated or experiential learning, undertake a single module or combine studying a choice of modules over time. An academic advisor will support you in making your choices.

The MSc Midwifery is part of the interdisciplinary specialist skills and post registration development (SSPRD) Framework (Formally known as CPD) within the Faculty of Health Studies. The Framework enables you to create an individualised programme of study that will meet either your needs and/or your employer's needs for a changing diverse workforce within a modern organisation.

The MSc in Midwifery and its nested awards are designed to address current and future demands of midwifery practice services, including the recommendations from Midwifery 2020 (DoH 2010). The awards recognise the changing clinical environment and allow you to develop key advanced skills or those associated with service delivery and enhancement within the current social and economic climate.

Your programme of study and the collection of modules you may choose to study will contextualise your learning by addressing the Aims and Learning Outcomes for the programme which are outlined in the next section of this document. Modules such as the research or work based project modules, for example, enable you to shape your own focus of study within the modules aims and learning outcomes by learning the principles being taught and applying them to your own professional/employment area.

Successful completion of the programme will not enable graduates to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the UK. Information regarding registration for overseas nurses and midwives can be found on the NMC website [www.nmc-uk.org](http://www.nmc-uk.org) .

## Programme Aims

	Level 7
A1	Provide a flexible educational framework that is vocationally relevant, which meets the professional development needs of the student, as well as the organisational needs of employers.
A2	Stimulate students to become autonomous self-directed learners who are motivated to sustain and advance their own continuous professional learning with a confidence to support the professional development of colleagues and the work of their organisations.
A3	Develop the skills, knowledge, critical understanding and awareness of the depth and breadth of knowledge applicable to their own fields of practice.
A4	Further develop the student's cognitive and practical skills to undertake data synthesis, complex problem solving, the articulation of competing perspectives and competence in their field of practice.
A5	Provide opportunities for inter-professional teaching and learning to share the knowledge, skills and experience common to a range of different health and social care disciplines.
A6	Develop critically reflective, competent practitioners, managers and leaders who will inform and shape or change inclusive, fair and ethically sensitive service provision.
A7	Provide a framework within which the curriculum, where required, meets the regulatory needs of professional bodies such as the NMC and HPC or is kite marked by the CMI.
A8	Develop the skills required for life-long learning and professional development.
	<b>Additionally if you wish to study one or more core research modules or management modules for a post graduate diploma or undertake a Masters dissertation</b>
A9	Develop an understanding of the theoretical constructs underpinning research or project management which will inform the undertaking of an ethical piece of research or a work based project and the ability to demonstrate how the findings can influence practice and policy.

## Programme Learning Outcomes

The MSc /Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate Midwifery programme learning outcomes are compatible with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ 2008).

The programme contains nested pathways as well as the flexibility to design your own pathway. The learning outcomes outlined below are contextualised within the learning outcomes of the modules that you study.

To be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Certificate at FHEQ level 7, students will be able to:

- LO1 Develop a detailed knowledge, and understanding of the literature that relates to midwifery and your specific area of practice.
- LO2 Critically analyse research and synthesise the research evidence that informs the development of policy and service delivery in midwifery and your specific field of practice or employment.
- LO3 Evaluate and critically apply theoretical concepts and where appropriate, for your field of practice, master practical skills for the management of complex issues within midwifery practice.

Additionally, to be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Diploma at FHEQ level 7, students will be able to:

- LO4 Reflect upon and demonstrate knowledge of values, ethical thinking, equality awareness, inclusive practice and demonstrate mastery within your specialist area of midwifery.
- LO5 Develop and demonstrate the ability to articulate sound arguments using a variety of formats including written and oral communication skills.
- LO6 Demonstrate management and leadership through effective communication, problem solving, and decision making.
- LO7 Demonstrate the ability to become an autonomous learner through independent study and critical reflection on continuing development needs.

Additionally, to be eligible for the award of Degree of Master at FHEQ level 7, students will be able to:

- LO8 Demonstrate a critical awareness and understanding of different theoretical constructs underpinning research, project management methodologies or management theories.
- LO9 Apply research skills to influence and improve practice and policy in midwifery.

LO10 Apply research and project management skills and demonstrate your ability as an autonomous learner to complete an extended project.

## Curriculum

The MSc Midwifery curriculum has been designed to meet the needs of students from a range of employment backgrounds and provides a range of modules from the Faculty of Health Studies that are combined to provide an individualised award that suits your particular learning or employment needs.

The SSPRD Framework offers a structure within which you can undertake the MSc Midwifery and named awards. There are a wide choice of modules available and are presented in themed areas representing employment practice or work based disciplines. Whilst you may wish to build your own award by choosing your own menu of module options, the module choice on specialist, named award pathways is more clearly defined.

The modular format of the programme and its position with the Faculty of Health Studies' SSPRD Framework enables you to select and study at least one module, that is out with, but complementary to, your speciality and in so doing broaden your knowledge and understanding of other areas that impact on Midwifery practice

## Postgraduate Certificate

You will be eligible to exit with the award of Postgraduate Certificate if you have successfully completed 60 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

**Table one:** You will select 2 modules from the list below to make up the Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery are also available for students on other awards.

**Table 1 Post Graduate Certificate for EU (NMC) registrants**

FHEQ Level	Module Title	Type	Credits	Study period	Module Code
7	Clinical Examination and Case Management (Enhancing Contemporary midwifery practice)	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	MID7009-C
7	Clinical Examination and Case Management	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	MID7013-C
7	Exploring Reproductive Sexual Health	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	MID7001-C
7	Safeguarding People	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	NUR7030-C
7	Clinical Competence in Advanced Practice	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	NUR7023-C
7	Leadership for Advanced Practitioners	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	LEM7011-C
7	Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals	O	40	Sem 1 or 2	PRE7002-D
7	Supporting Learning in Practice	O	30	Sem 1 or 2 or online	PRP7002-C

7	Supporting Learning in Practice	O	10	Sem 1 or 2 or online	N/A

## Postgraduate Diploma

You will be eligible to exit with the award of Postgraduate Diploma if you have successfully completed at least 120 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

Postgraduate Diploma: You will take two 30 credit modules. If you are planning to undertake either of the \* modules for the Degree of Master, one of the core 30 credit research modules must be taken.

Students wishing to undertake a Clinical Dissertation or a Management Project for the degree of Master can choose two modules from the approved Faculty Module Catalogue.

Students who are EU registrants can choose modules to study from the list below

**Table 2**

FHEQ Level	Module Title	Type	Credits	Semester (s)	Module Code
7	Independent Study	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	HES7004-C
7	*Preparing for Primary Research	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	RES7009-C
7	*Preparing for Systematic Review	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	RES7006-C
7	Clinical Examination and Case Management (Enhancing Contemporary Midwifery Practice)	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	MID7009-C
7	Clinical Examination and Case Management	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	MID7013-C
7	Exploring Reproductive Sexual Health	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	MID7001-C
7	Safe Guarding People	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	NUR7030-C
7	Leadership for Advanced Practitioners	O	30	Sem 1 or 2	LEM7011-C
7	Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals	O	40	Sem 1 or 2	PRE7002-D
7	Supporting Learning in Practice	O	30	Sem 1 or 2 or online	PRP7002-C
7	Supporting Learning in Practice	O	10	Sem 1 or 2 or online	n/a

## Degree of Master

You will be eligible for the award of Degree of Master if you have successfully completed at least 180 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

**Table 3 MSc Final Stage**

FHEQ Level	Module Title	Type	Credits	Semester (s)	Module Code
7	Pursuing Primary Research *	O	60	Sem 1 or 2	RES7008-E
7	Pursuing a Systematic Review **	O	60	Sem 1 or 2	RES7007-E
7	Pursuing a work based Dissertation	O	60	Sem 1 or 2	RES7010-E

## Learning and Teaching Strategy

Whilst following this programme of study you will engage with learning through a range of teaching methods. These methods will be dependent on modules studied, however student centred approaches to learning are a feature of the modules and you will be expected to take responsibility for your learning as you develop your academic skills. There are a number of approaches to the manner in which modules are delivered and these include block attendance, study day attendance, distance learning and blended learning using face to face and on-line activities/ materials. When devising your study plan with your academic supervisor you will be informed regarding which delivery methods are utilised for which module and in which semester your chosen modules are being delivered.

The aims of the teaching and learning strategies have been designed so that you will be given the opportunity to develop theoretical and experiential understanding (Programme LOs 1, 3, 6, 7, 11), advance your knowledge and critical thinking with the assistance of research informed teaching. (Programme LOs 2, 8, 4, 5, 10) and to develop a range of skills appropriate to your professional field, this may include work based learning with competencies undertaken in your organisation or with an additional clinical area, (Programme LOs 1, 2, 4, 11). The Midwifery modules and awards nested within the framework offer you the capacity to acknowledge and build upon the knowledge and skills you may have acquired through previous learning experiences including those in the work place.

Your Programme of study will expose you to a range of different teaching, learning and assessment strategies required to achieve the learning outcomes. The teaching approaches that are used across the Faculty of Health Studies are informed by the University core values which are for teaching and learning: to be; Research informed Reflective, Adaptable, Inclusive, Supportive, Ethical and Sustainable. You will experience these across your choice of modules in order to meet both the aims and outcomes which may include any number of the following:

- Lectures: To a group of students where information will be presented and discussed whilst informed by core values.

- Facilitated seminars and group discussion: Social interaction develops learning through the interpretation and critical application of information and group learning
  - Tutorial: Where a small group of students reflect and discuss issues related to their learning. These may also be individual for formative feedback on assessed work prior to submission.
  - Work-based learning: Where learning is directed within the work environment and is reflected upon and then reported on, and competencies maybe undertaken.
  - Web based virtual learning environments to support technology enhanced learning, such as the Blackboard, or Pebble Pad3: To access information such as key professional learning packages, interact with other students, undertake group work activities or developing wikis.
  - Directed reading: Where set reading may be recommended.
  - Self-directed learning: where you are expected to develop your own learning by, identifying areas of interest, selecting research articles for debate and identify areas in which knowledge needs to be developed.
  - Undertaking a work based project or a research module: Which is shaped by your own self-directed learning needs and the learning outcomes at MSc level.
- You will be expected to develop an autonomous learning style and become self-directed as a learner.

### **Assessment Strategy**

The university has a scheme where you will be able to have some discretion on how you are assessed within a module. You will be able to negotiate the assessments choices within the module descriptor but there will be some areas that can only be assessed through one method Assessment will be against the learning outcomes and programme aims through the use of a range of different assessment techniques which may include one or more of the following approaches:

- Written essay
- Reflective case study
- Audit report of your practice competencies
- The development of a reflective portfolio
- Completion of a set of competencies
- Completion of a set number of clinical contacts
- Practical examination (OSCE)
- Computer based Multiple Choice Question examination
- Computer based open book examination
- Oral seminar / poster presentation
- Written project report
- Completion of a dissertation
- Research paper/executive summary

Some of these teaching and assessment strategies will develop and alter over time through the ongoing development of Programmes.



## Assessment Regulations

This Programme conforms to the standard University Assessment Regulations which are available at the link below

<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/aqpo/ordinances-and-regulations/>

However the School of Midwifery and Reproductive Health has 2 exceptions to these regulations as listed below:

Where part of the module assessment has not been achieved at the required 40% for written theoretical components the student will be permitted to re submit the supplementary attempt within a time scale agreed by the Board of Examiners and notified to the student. This will be more than 4 weeks from receipt of the confirmed marks.

For modules with the code HMP, HMPP, HNP, HNPP and HGR you are required to pass all components and elements of assessment with a minimum mark of 40%.

## Admission Requirements

The University welcomes applications from all potential students and most important in the decision to offer a place is our assessment of a candidate's potential to benefit from their studies and of their ability to succeed on the particular programme. Consideration of applications will be based on a combination of formal academic qualifications and other relevant experience.

For EU registrants the standard entry requirements for the programme are as follows:

- A first degree in a relevant subject area, NVQ level 6 or equivalent or a relevant postgraduate qualification.
- A registered qualification with a UK professional regulatory organisation if a professional practice award is applied for that enables the students to practice in the UK. E.g. Registration with the NMC to undertake a named nursing or Midwifery award students whose qualifications do not meet the entry requirements above but who have significant experience and other evidence of ability to study at this level.
- Students for whom English is not a first language must have an IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent.

### Additional requirements

- For work based learning modules you will be required to have evidence of clinical and or managerial support in place. A self-audit of clinical environment may be required (details provided on application).

Computer literacy courses are available for people new to information technology and both the Academic Skills and Advice Service and the Disability Office can provide support to those who have a disability. Dyslexia screening is also available. For further information please see <http://www.bradford.ac.uk/disability/> Applications are

welcome from students with non-standard qualifications or mature students (those over 21 years of age on entry) with significant relevant experience.

### **Recognition of Prior Learning**

If applicants have prior certificated learning or professional experience which may be equivalent to parts of the programme, the University has procedures to evaluate and recognise this learning in order to provide applicants with exemptions from specified modules or parts of the programme.

### **Minor Modification Schedule**

<b>Version Number</b>	<b>Brief description of Modification</b>	<b>Date of Approval (Faculty Board)</b>
1	To clarify eligibility to undertake the programme minor changes to introduction have been made	
	Amendments to module title and code as the previous code and title was noted to be incorrect	