

Midwifery - Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma

If you would like to study to become a midwife at university but left school without the qualifications you need, then this Access to HE course could be for you. Each year, over 20,000 Access to HE students apply for a degree course at a UK university; if you go onto complete a relevant degree at university, your Advanced Learner Loan will be written off by Student Finance England.

This course will help you get the qualifications you need to study midwifery, or a related course, at university. The key areas covered are midwifery studies, psychology, health science and sociology.

You will learn study skills such as note taking, essay writing, reading and research, preparation for exams and oral presentation.

You will be supported throughout the course by a personal tutor who will also give you guidance in applying for Higher Education courses.

Learners who continue onto a higher education degree in nursing or midwifery will have access to an annual grant of between £5,000 to £8,000, to help with living costs whilst studying at University. The grant is not means tested and will not need to be repaid.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Topics covered can include:

Biology

- The Blood
- The Reproductive System
- Human Biology
- Nutrition, Digestion and Excretion
- The Cardiovascular System
- Cells
- Human Tissues and Systems
- Human Physiology

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Midwifery Studies

- Role of the Health & Social Care Profession
- Role of the Midwife in Antenatal Care
- Post-natal care of Mother and Baby
- Role of the Midwife during labour and birth

Sociology

- Introduction to Sociology
- Poverty
- Health Inequalities

WHAT WILL I NEED?

You will need:

- To be aged 19 or older
- GCSE English and Maths at grade 4 or above (or A*-C); however, you will be considered for the course if you have one GCSE at grade A*-C in Maths or English and the other at grade D with the offer of GCSE classes in addition to the course
- Ideally, a GCSE in Science, or equivalent qualification

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that the course is suitable for them.

Please note that applicants for a degree in Midwifery are expected to have significant experience of voluntary or paid work in a healthcare setting.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This course is assessed through coursework assignments, tests and examinations throughout the course, which are set and marked by your teachers and externally moderated by OCN London.

Assessment is continuous over the whole year and is based on a number of set pieces of work such as essays, projects, presentations and tests.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

ADULTS - ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

If you will be aged 19 to 23 prior to the start date of your course, and do not already have a full Level 3 qualification, you may be eligible for a Level 3 entitlement, in which case your study with us will be free. Otherwise, you will have to pay the fees yourself or apply for an [Advanced Learner Loan](#).

Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

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Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

If you are aged 19-24 and this is your first Level 3 course, you may be eligible for free tuition.

If you are 24 years or older you will need to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan. Student Finance England will 'write off' any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balances you owe for an Access to HE course once you complete a higher education course. This means you do not have to repay it if you complete your University degree course.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

Once you have completed your Access to HE course, you can progress to a Higher Education degree at a university or college.

You should check requirements for specific degree courses - different Higher Education institutions may have different entry requirements for similar courses.

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