

# MIDWIFERY

## BSc (Hons)

Department of Psychology, Social Work  
and Public Health



Providing quality care  
for childbearing women  
and their families.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The personal qualities needed to be a midwife are a positive outlook, with a caring and supportive attitude that fosters woman centred care, trust and rapport. Intellectual capacity is equally important, as is a willingness to provide care excellence to a diverse group of clients. You need a dedication to delivering individualised, evidence based care to women and families at a crucial time in their lives. Midwives can develop their career in diverse ways: as a specialist midwife; a consultant midwife; in management; public health; teaching and research.

Quality midwifery care is underpinned by the following values, and these will be developed during your midwifery education:-

- Communication – a team worker with fluency in English and also non-verbal communication.
- Compassion – understanding, client centredness, resilience and the ability to strive for a positive outcome in the face of difficulties.
- Competence – through meeting the academic and practice requirements of the midwifery education programme, progressing into continuous professional development as a registered midwife.
- Care – using the experiences you gather in the clinical area to tailor care.
- Courage – as an autonomous practitioner, an advocate for your client, leadership roles, integrity and independent thinking.
- Commitment – an awareness of current issues and the management of competing demands whilst keeping the client at the centre of our endeavours.

There has never been a better time to choose midwifery as a career.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This modular course will enable you to become an independent learner and to develop the skills and knowledge needed for a challenging, but rewarding, career in midwifery. A BSc (Hons) degree with professional registration as a midwife is awarded following successful completion of three years full-time study.

Modules include fundamentals of midwifery practice, science for midwives, public health in midwifery practice, and introduction to critical appraisal skills for midwifery. Clinical practice is central to this course. During the weeks you are not attending University, you will be providing midwifery care, including night, weekend and on-call duty. Within Oxfordshire you will have the opportunity to practice in hospital maternity wards, health centres, midwifery-led birth units and in clients' homes.



We're so lucky to get out into placement really soon after starting in the first year and it's amazing how fast you learn. My favourite moment (aside from my first 'catch' obviously!) is the first card I got from a new mum with some incredibly kind words. You feel like you are making a difference right from the very start.

**Chloe Hales**  
**BSc (Hons) Midwifery**



The course also provides the opportunity to observe midwifery practice abroad. Throughout the course you will be supported by experienced midwives and teaching staff working both in the University and in practice.

For details of the University's childcare facilities, please visit our website:

[www.brookes.ac.uk/student/services/nursery](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/student/services/nursery)



## MSc MIDWIFERY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

We also offer a 3 year master's degree course in Midwifery, which provides individuals who already have a relevant bachelor's degree with the opportunity to undertake a Midwifery course at Masters level that leads to registration as a Midwife.

The Masters course is open to UK and EU students who already possess a bachelor's degree with a first or 2:1 classification plus a Biology or Human Biology A level at grade B or above (or its equivalent). Learning takes place alongside the well established and highly regarded BSc (Hons) Midwifery programme offered by Oxford Brookes as well as within master's level seminars. Working at master's level you will focus on developing a knowledge base in midwifery which is woman centred, evidence based and strongly underpinned by research.

## WHY CHOOSE BROOKES?

- Top-quality teaching: our lecturers are experienced in their specialist practice area and maintain excellent links with those areas locally or across the region. Many of our lecturers also have extensive national and international links.
- A large, dedicated building in Oxford (Marston Road) with first-rate facilities including simulation suites (ward environment, high dependency setting, movement laboratory and a communication suite), all fully equipped with computerised resources and anatomy models.
- Interprofessional learning with students from a broad range of health and social work professions, providing opportunities for shared learning and allowing the development of teamwork skills.
- Varied placement learning opportunities working alongside experienced professionals in some of the UK's leading clinical and community settings including world-leading Oxford-based hospitals and our own osteopathic teaching clinics.
- Research expertise in areas like public health, rehabilitation and cancer care. The 2014 government Research Excellence Framework rated 98% of health-related research to be internationally recognised, with much achieving world-leading status.
- There are excellent sports facilities at Oxford Brookes with more than 40 sports clubs and six dedicated sports of excellence.
- The opportunity to work overseas: UK-trained health and social work professionals are highly valued throughout the world.
- A huge variety of career opportunities; working in the National Health Service (NHS), social services, the independent or voluntary sectors, and overseas.
- Excellent graduate employment: graduates from Oxford Brookes are highly regarded by employers and the majority of our graduates gain their first choice of post in their chosen field.
- Many graduates go on to further study or enter health management, education or research roles.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE MSc

All full-time applications should be made through UCAS Postgraduate.

For more information about this course, please email us: [mscmidwifery@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:mscmidwifery@brookes.ac.uk)



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR BSC

- GCSEs including English Language, Mathematics and a science subject (i.e. Biology, Human Biology or Chemistry) at grade B or above (C or above for Access entry students).
- 3 A-levels (at minimum grade BBB) including Biology or Human Biology (General Studies A-level not accepted);
- 14 - 19 Health and Social Care Advanced Diploma at grade B, including A-level Biology/Human Biology at grade B, or;
- Access to Higher Education a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3. The Level 3 credits must include a minimum of 12 in Biology/Human Biology; Level 3 credits must be 30+ credits at Distinction and 15 Merit or;
- BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (DDD).

An IELTS score of 7.0 is required to applicants whose first language is not English.

Brookes takes all safeguarding issues seriously. All applicants are therefore required to undergo DBS screening as part of the recruitment process. Student behaviour and conduct is also monitored throughout the programme of study as informed by the faculty, regulatory and professional body standards of proficiency and conduct'

Securing a place is subject to both a satisfactory DBS (DBS fee to be advised) and an Occupational Health clearance. If neither clearance has been completed prior to enrolment or a DBS issue has been declared on application, then enrolment may not be possible.

If enrolment has been agreed, then continuation on the programme will be contingent on satisfactory clearances. See our website for more details of entry requirements

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the BSc course should be made through UCAS. See useful contacts for details.

UCAS code: **B720 BSc/MY**

[www.brookes.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/)

## FUNDING

From 2017/18, new students on health care courses in England will take out maintenance and tuition loans like other students, rather than getting their fees paid by Health Education England and receiving an NHS bursary.

For general sources of financial support, see [www.brookes.ac.uk/studying-at-brookes/finance/undergraduate-finance---uk-and-eu-students/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying-at-brookes/finance/undergraduate-finance---uk-and-eu-students/)

All information is correct at the time of going to press. Please refer to the University's website for the most up-to-date details.

Oxford Brookes University actively supports equality in education and welcomes applications from all people representative of our diverse community. For more details please visit [www.brookes.ac.uk/services/hr/eod](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/hr/eod) or phone **+44 (0) 1865 485929**.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### ENQUIRY CENTRE

Tel: +44 (0) 1865 484848  
Email: [query@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:query@brookes.ac.uk)

### ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Tel: +44 (0) 1865 483040  
Fax: +44 (0) 1865 483983  
Email: [admissions@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@brookes.ac.uk)

### OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Website: [www.brookes.ac.uk](http://www.brookes.ac.uk)

### UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TOURS

Tel: +44 (0) 1865 484848  
Email: [query@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:query@brookes.ac.uk)

### ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

Tel: +44 (0) 1865 484660  
Email: [accomm@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:accomm@brookes.ac.uk)  
Webpage: [www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/accommodation](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/accommodation)

### UCAS (CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT)

Tel: +44 (0) 871 4680468  
Email: [enquiries@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ucas.ac.uk)  
Website: [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

All applicants must also undertake Occupational Health screening for fitness to undertake practice (including screening for Hepatitis A,B and C as well as HIV). In the event of an infection being found, the level of infection and treatment intervention(s) being implemented will determine how each individual case is managed in relation to the applicant's programme of study.

## VALUES BASED RECRUITMENT

All Oxford Brookes University Health and Social Care Programmes conduct Values Based Recruitment (VBR). We recognise that values and attitudes have the greatest impact on an individual's care.

VBR is a way of helping our Programme recruitment teams to assess the values, motives and attitudes of those who wish to work with people in health and social care settings. When we refer to values we mean, for example, the values included in the NHS Constitution.

VBR focuses on "how" and "why" an applicant makes choices in how they act and seeks to explore reasons for their behaviour.

[www.hee.nhs.uk/work-programmes/values-based-recruitment](http://www.hee.nhs.uk/work-programmes/values-based-recruitment)