

Midwife

Midwives provide care and support to women and their families while pregnant, throughout labour and during the period after a baby's birth.

Working life

You'll mainly deal with pregnant women requiring professional support and advice. You are likely to be the lead health professional and contact for a woman, providing evidence-based information and helping her make informed choices about the options and services available throughout her pregnancy.

Download transcript [1].

You'll be the expert on childbirth and your responsibilities are likely to be diverse. You'll provide:

- provide full antenatal care, including parenting classes, clinical examinations and screening
- identify high-risk pregnancies
- monitor women and support them during labour and the birthing process
- teach new and expectant mothers how to feed, care for and bathe their babies

You could be working with women from a variety of backgrounds and you will need to be confident enough to communicate with different people. Some women and their families might be homeless, socially excluded, have disabilities or be very young. Other clients may be from certain cultural or religious backgrounds.

All women will need you to understand the emotional, physical and psychological processes of pregnancy and birth. Sometimes pregnancies do not go to plan and you will need to offer support and advice on stillbirth, miscarriage, termination, neonatal [2] death and neonatal [2] abnormalities.



If you are working as a community midwife, you are likely to develop good professional relationships with your families, which can make counselling easier at difficult times.

"Experiencing the birth of a baby as part of your day job is incredible."

Eleri Bates, Midwife at University College London Hospitals (UCLH) NHS Foundation Trust

Read Eleri's story [3]

Where will I work?

Midwifery services are increasingly moving from hospitals to the community, so where you work could reflect this. Antenatal care in the community is provided in women's homes, local clinics, children's centres and GP surgeries. It can also be provided in hospitals where you may work in triage and assessment areas, high and low risk labour, postnatal wards and neonatal [2] units. Care during labour is provided in a mother's home, as well as midwifery led maternity units.

You'll work with a range of other professionals including gynaecologists, GPs, health visitors, neonatal nurses and maternity support workers.

Entry requirements

To become a midwife you'll need to train and study for an undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree or diploma, or secure a place on a midwifery degree apprenticeship. Entry requirements vary depending on where you'd like to study or work. However, they usually look for a minimum of:

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- five GCSEs at grade 9-4/C or above - typically including English language or literature and a science subject
- and either two or three A-levels or equivalent qualifications such as GNVQ advanced level or NVQ level 3

A degree standard apprenticeship in midwifery is also available. To get onto a degree apprenticeship, you will need to apply for an apprentice position with a healthcare provider.

New annual payments

You'll be entitled to receive at least £5,000 a year towards your studies while at university. Your personal circumstances may mean you could receive more. And the good news? You'll never have to pay it back.

Must have skills

Don't forget - academic qualifications aren't everything. Excellent communication and people skills are crucial as you'll need to answer questions and offer advice. You must be happy to work as part of a team and be able to deal with emotionally charged situations. You'll need to also have an interest in the physical, psychological and process of pregnancy and birth

Training and career development

You'll need to be committed to learning and always keeping their skills and knowledge up to date. Once you have qualified as a midwife, there are a wide range of opportunities. You may want to undertake further training and become a health visitor or move into management, teaching or clinical research.

Pay and benefits

Your standard working week will be around 37.5 hours on shift pattern which can include nights, early starts, evenings, weekends and bank holidays. As a midwife, you'll be paid on the Agenda for Change (AFC [4]) pay system, typically starting at band 5. There are opportunities to progress to positions at bands 6 and & as a team manager and to midwife consultant at bands 8b-8c.

You'll also have access to our generous pension scheme and health service discounts, as well as 27 days of annual leave plus bank holidays.

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Community Midwifery Deputy Team Manager

Nottingham, NG7 7AD



Salary:

£31365.00 to £37890.00 a year



Type:

Permanent



Employer:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

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Lead Care Coach Recruitment & Retention of Nursing/Midwifery Assistant

Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 6QG



Salary:

£38890.00 to £44503.00 a year

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Type:

Fixed term

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Employer:

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

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Midwife

Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9DT

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Salary:

£24,907 - £37,890 per annum pro rata

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Type:

Permanent

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Employer:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

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Midwife

Denmark Hill, London, SE5 9RS

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Salary:

£37,638 - £44,780 per annum, inc HCA

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Type:

Permanent



Employer:

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Midwife

Basildon Maternity, Basildon, SS16 5NL



Salary:

£31,365 - £37,890 per annum



Type:

Permanent



Employer:

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

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Midwife

All, Harrow, HA1 3UJ



Salary:

£43,712 - £49,325 per annum inc HCAS



Type:

Permanent



Employer:

London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust

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Full or part time

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BM (Hons) Midwifery

Bangor, University of Wales

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Region **Wales**

Type of course
Undergraduate

Full or part time
Full time

Duration
3 years

Contact details
health@bangor.ac.uk [12] **01248 383717**

Course webpage <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/B720-Midwifery> [11]

Admissions address

Bangor
Gwynedd
LL57 2EF

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BSc (Hons) Midwifery

Teesside University

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Region **North East**

Type of course
Undergraduate

Full or part time
Full time

Duration
3 years

Contact details
shlsadmissions@tees.ac.uk [14] **01642 384110**

Course webpage http://www.tees.ac.uk/prospectus/ug/UG_course.cfm [15]

Admissions address

Middlesbrough
Tees Valley
TS1 3BA

Course webpage http://www.tees.ac.uk/prospectus/ug/UG_course.cfm [15]

Bachelor of Midwifery (Hons)

South Wales, University of

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Region **Wales**

Type of course
Undergraduate

Full or part time
Full time

Duration

3 years

Contact details

admissions@southwales.ac.uk [17] **03455 76 77 78**

Course webpage <http://courses.southwales.ac.uk/courses/33-bachelor-of-midwifery-hons-registered...>

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Admissions address

Pontypridd

CF37 1DL

Course webpage <http://courses.southwales.ac.uk/courses/33-bachelor-of-midwifery-hons-registered...>

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BSc (Hons) Midwifery for registered adult nurses

UCLan, University of Central Lancashire

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Region **North West**

Type of course

Postgraduate/accelerated programme

Full or part time

Full time

Duration

20 months

Contact details

cenquiries@uclan.ac.uk [19] **01772 892400**

Course webpage

http://www.uclan.ac.uk/courses/bsc_hons_midwifery_for_registered_nurses_adult.ph... [18]

Admissions address

Preston

Lancashire

PR1 2HE

Course webpage

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This course is for qualified and registered adult nurses. Please contact the university for more details.

BSc (Hons) Midwifery

UCLan, University of Central Lancashire

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Region **North West**

Type of course
Undergraduate

Full or part time
Full time

Duration
3 years

Contact details
cenquiries@uclan.ac.uk [19] **01772 892400**

Course webpage http://www.uclan.ac.uk/courses/bsc_hons_midwifery_direct_entry_programme.php
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Admissions address

Preston
Lancashire
PR1 2HE

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