

Midwifery

BSc (Hons) 3-years full-time





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Course Information

BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies

- Gain skills and knowledge to enable registration as a professional midwife
- Experience a wide range of midwifery clinical placements across all three years of the course
- Learn about the multicultural context of maternity services delivery
- Study alongside students following other healthcare professional courses at the School of Health Studies

Course Length

BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies is a 3 year full time course, which is taught for 45 weeks each year.

Entry Dates

This 3 year programme starts in September each year.

UCAS Codes

The UCAS code for the University of Bradford is **B56**.
The UCAS code for BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies is **B720**.

Employability

96% of our students who graduated in 2008 successfully gained employment.*

** These statistics are derived from annually published data based on those UK domiciled graduates who are available for employment or further study and whose destinations are known*

Further Study Opportunities

Following graduation and registration, midwives are expected to continue to develop their knowledge and skills through ongoing Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The School of Health Studies through its Flexible Common Framework offers a variety of short courses and postgraduate study options (including PGCert, PG Dip and MSc programmes) which allow midwives to specialise in areas of interest.

To find out more about the opportunities currently available, please visit www.bradford.ac.uk/health/cpd

Why Choose Midwifery at Bradford?

The BSc (Hons) in Midwifery Studies uses problem based learning which develops your in-depth knowledge and understanding of midwifery alongside input from other disciplines, to help inform best professional practice.

Midwives work both in community and hospital environments and require excellent communication skills, and the ability to respond to the socio-economic, cultural, spiritual, educational, physical and psychological needs of women and their families. The role of the midwife is constantly developing, providing improved maternity services in a range of settings.

The varied clinical experiences available in Bradford and Airedale will enable you to develop an understanding of the ethnic traditions, values and beliefs in delivering care, which is sensitive and responsive to the needs of all women in a multi-cultural society.

Our Midwifery Studies programme has an excellent reputation for the quality of the teaching and learning experience it provides, through a creative teaching style that encourages problem solving, guided self directed study and team working, practice opportunities and a small case load of women (overseen by a midwife).

Course Funding

If you meet NHS student finance requirements on residency and have lived in the UK or another EU country for the three years immediately prior to your application, you will be eligible for funding for your course fees. These do not have to be repaid.

UK students are also eligible to apply for a bursary (part means tested), (and dependents/parent's learning allowance if eligible).

Details of eligibility and current bursary rates can be found at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

You will also be able to apply for a reduced student loan as a UK degree student on this programme. Please contact Student Finance England www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance for details of this. If you choose to take out a student loan, this will need to be repaid, once your earnings are above the stated level.

The University will notify NHS student bursaries if you are accepted onto the course.



Course Structure

The table below outlines the structure of the BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies programme over 3 years.

Stage 1

Module Title	Type	Credits	Level	Study period
Midwifery 1A (Ward/Community)	Core	30	4	Semester 1
Midwifery 1B (Ward/Community)	Core	30	4	Semester 2
Applied Anatomy and Physiology	Core	20	4	Linked
Society, Health and Wellbeing 1	Core	20	4	Linked
Principles of Collaborative Professional Practice (School Core 1)	Core	20	4	Linked

Stage 2

Module Title	Type	Credits	Level	Study period
Midwifery 2A (Labour/Ward)	Core	30	5	Semester 1 and 2
Midwifery 2B (Labour/Ward)	Core	30	5	Semester 2 and 3
Applied Pathology	Core	20	5	Linked
Society, Health and Wellbeing 2	Core	20	5	Linked
Evidencing Professional Practice (School Core 2)	Core	20	5	Linked

Stage 3

Module Title	Type	Credits	Level	Study period
Midwifery 3A (Community)	Core	30	6	Semester 1
Midwifery 3B (Community Based Caseload)	Core	30	6	Semester 2 and 3
Research for Advancing Professional Practice (School Core 3)	Core	20	6	Semester 1
Midwifery Practice Project	Core	20	6	Semester 2
Development for Midwifery Practice	Core	20	6	Linked

“ The best thing about studying midwifery at Bradford has been the placements. I worked on a delivery suite at the end of my first year and I had some amazing experiences. I felt extremely privileged to be able to be present at one of the most important moments of a woman’s life. ”

Clare Cummings – BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies

Clinical Placements, Teaching and Support

Clinical Placements

The development and assessment of midwifery competencies in clinical practice is a key feature and requirement of the programme. Throughout the programme students learn what it is like to work within the modern NHS, developing clinical knowledge, skills and confidence as key members of the professional healthcare team.

50% of the programme is undertaken in clinical practice and students are required to follow shift patterns in clinical placement areas where they are working. This will include early shifts starting from 7.00am and late shifts, sometimes finishing at 9.30pm. Students are also required to work with their allocated mentor, which will include some weekends and night duty during the 3 years. Annual leave entitlement is set in advance by the University and is non-negotiable.

During clinical placements students are supervised by qualified health professionals and are allocated a named mentor. Their role is to support you in practice-based learning and to assess your developing knowledge and skills against required competencies.

Midwifery students are allocated placements in Trusts or other placement settings within the Bradford and Airedale area. A small number of placements may be allocated outside of this geographical area. We will wherever possible take into account personal circumstances when allocating placements, but this cannot be guaranteed.



Our key NHS trust partners are:

Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

Located near Keighley, Airedale Hospital was opened in the 1970's and is an award-winning district general hospital that provides acute and specialist care for local people who live in an area extending from the industrial Pennines on the fringes of Bradford in the South, to the upland hills and valleys of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in the North.

The maternity unit at Airedale is one of the smaller in the area yet covers a wide geographical area. This creates opportunities to see the impact of semi urban and rural dimensions on women and their families in the clinical placement areas. Community setting placements can be from Bingley and Ilkley along the Aire Valley to Keighley, Skipton and beyond to Barnoldswick and Settle. Within the unit there approximately 2600 births in the year making it the smallest unit in the area in terms of numbers of deliveries.

www.birthchoiceuk.com/BirthChoiceUKFrame.htm?LocStatFrame.htm?Hospitals/S29.htm

More information about the Trust can be found at: www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Bradford Teaching Hospitals became a Teaching Hospital in 2003 and a Foundation Trust in 2004. It is the main provider of hospital services to the people of Bradford and also has some specialist services which extend over a wider geographical area. The Trust is based at two hospitals, Bradford Royal Infirmary and St Lukes.

The maternity unit is based at Bradford Royal Infirmary and has almost 6000 deliveries a year making it the busiest maternity unit in the area. The community placements provide opportunities for working with women from across the economic and health spectrum. The distinctive ethnic and cultural mix of the city creates a unique opportunity for students.

www.birthchoiceuk.com/BirthChoiceUKFrame.htm?LocStatFrame.htm?Hospitals/S29.htm

The unit is also host to the Born in Bradford project. www.borninbradford.nhs.uk/

More information about the Trust can be found at: www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/

You may be eligible for assistance towards costs if it costs you more to travel to your placement than to get to University or if you need to live away to complete your placement. Our Student Support Office will be able to provide further advice on this.

Throughout your placements you will be supported by clinical mentors and members of University staff. You will be provided with uniform to wear on your placements, but will need to provide your own footwear.



Throughout your studies you will be taught by a team of professional midwives supported by other staff at the School of Health Studies. You will be taught primarily in groups, with key lectures, seminars, workshops. Problem based learning is widely used, and this creative teaching style encourages problem solving, guided self directed study and team working. You will use an e-portfolio to record your academic and clinical development over the three years.

Modules are assessed using a range of different methods including written examinations, practical assessments, poster presentations, reflective case studies, e-portfolio. Achievement of clinical practice is directed by a range of clinical competencies and a self determined action plan. The assessment of your practice is continuous with a final graded summary of each placement taking place in the clinical environment with your mentor and university tutors.

Student Support

The School of Health Studies has a dedicated student support office, which provides advice on bursaries, uniforms and travel and financial issues. As a student at the School of Health Studies, you are also able to access University student support facilities. This includes the Disability Service. The University of Bradford has always encouraged applications from students with disabilities, whose applications are considered on the same academic grounds as are applied to all candidates (subject to occupational health screening for health courses).

If you have a disability, you can contact the Admissions Tutor before you apply to discuss any needs you may have. If you indicate a disability on your UCAS form, you will be invited to discuss your particular requirements and will receive information about our facilities and on the Disabled Students Allowance. For more information, help or advice, please contact the Disability Service.

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How to Apply

Applications for this course should be made through UCAS www.ucas.com

The UCAS code for the University of Bradford is **B56**.

The UCAS code for our BSc Hons course in Midwifery is **B720**.

Please note that applications for the fast track programme should be made directly to the School of Health Studies. Please contact us at soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk or Tel **01274 236367** for an application form.

Entry Requirements

Academic Entry Requirements

We offer two entry routes onto the BSc (Hons) Midwifery Studies, one for standard applicants (school and college leavers), and one for non standard (or mature applicants). As well as meeting the entrance requirements below, all applicants need to be able to demonstrate that they have researched midwifery as a career and are aware of the scope and diversity of the profession.

Standard Entry

Our standard offer is:

A minimum of 5 GCSE's at Grade C or above to include:

- English Language (Key Skills Level 2 Literacy is accepted)
- Mathematics (Key Skills Level 2 Numeracy is accepted)
- Biology or Combined Science

AND

- 300 UCAS points, including at least 200 points from 2 full A Levels (or vocational awards of equal depth and volume)

Non-standard Entry

Our non standard offer is:

- An Access to Higher Education Diploma in Health Professions or Science

Those studying Access programmes will be asked to obtain at least one distinction in a science based subject, and to pass the remainder of their modules at merit level

OR

Attainment of 65% or above in the University of Bradford Foundation Year, or appropriate science foundation year

If you study an Access course, the GCSE requirements may be included within your programme of study, although this will vary depending on the FE institution you study at.

If you have any questions regarding the suitability of your qualifications, please contact soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk or telephone **+44 (0)1274 236367**

Interviews

Students meeting the academic requirements, who also provide a relevant and informed personal statement considering what life skills they can bring into midwifery, will be shortlisted to participate in a selection event. At the event, you will demonstrate motivation and understanding to learn.

Non Academic Entry Requirements (all applicants)

Occupational Health

In addition to meeting the academic entrance requirements, all places are offered subject to satisfactory occupational health screening. This will involve completing an occupational health questionnaire and attendance at a medical appointment. As midwifery is a physically demanding profession, progress on the course is dependent on your continued fitness. Midwifery students undertake exposure prone procedures, therefore you will be required to undergo screening for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV viruses.

Criminal Records Check (CRB) Record Bureau Disclosure

All places are also offered subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure. This is due to the fact that you may be required to work with children or vulnerable adults on your clinical placement, and will need to demonstrate that you can safely work with these groups on registration.

References

You will be asked to submit a reference on your UCAS form. If you are studying or have recently studied at a school or college, this is usually from your personal or subject tutor. In addition, we ask you to provide contact details for a second referee. This could be a second academic referee or an employer. References cannot be accepted from friends and relatives.





The University of Bradford has strong roots. It was granted its Royal Charter in 1966 (making it one of the 'old' universities), but its origins date back to 1882 with the inauguration of Bradford Technical College. In 1996, Bradford and Airedale College of Health became integrated into the University, which is now the School of Health Studies.

The School of Health Studies relocated to the city campus in September 2011, to a purpose-built extension with state-of-the-art new facilities which include clinical skills rooms, laboratories and dedicated staff and student areas.

Accommodation

Student accommodation is cheaper, easier to find and more conveniently located in Bradford than in many other university cities.

If required, first-year students will be guaranteed a place in a single study-bedroom with self-catering facilities at our award-winning eco-friendly new student village, The Green, which opened in 2011. Buildings are arranged as a small village, with rooms available in apartments or townhouses. Every building meets the highest standards of sustainability, meaning it costs very little to heat and light.

Further information can be found at www.bradford.ac.uk/accommodation

A wide range of private student accommodation is available, please contact www.unipol.org.uk/bradford for more details.

Library and IT Services

The main University library and computer facilities are based in the J B Priestley Building on the city campus which links up with the Learning Mall of Student Central. Bradford really excels when it comes to IT, with one of the highest ratios of PCs to students in the country. You can have free internet access wirelessly from all the libraries, foyers and social spaces of all major buildings.

Facilities

There are a wide range of student facilities available, including the following:

Students' Union

The Students' Union is at the heart of many student activities. It runs over 60 clubs and societies, as well as retail and social facilities and organises a range of social activities. These are located in 'Student Central', our dedicated Students' Union building which opened in 2010. The Students' Union also campaigns on issues affecting students in Bradford and further afield, and you are encouraged to vote for sabbatical officers to represent you.

Unique: Fitness & Lifestyle

Unique: Fitness & Lifestyle is the University's new sports and leisure centre. It features a new gym, a variety of exercise classes, a climbing wall and a heated indoor 25-metre swimming pool.

The Arts on Campus

The University has its own theatre "The Theatre in the Mill", music centre "Tasmin Little Music Centre" and art gallery "Gallery II". These facilities give students the chance to get involved in the arts, and also feature work from other artists.

Student Support

The University has excellent health and welfare support including:

- Disability service
- Counselling
- Health service and GPs' surgery
- Nursery for children between six months and five years

We also have a dedicated student support office at the School of Health Studies.

Visit Bradford

Open Days and Visits

The University of Bradford offers a number of opportunities for prospective students and their families/school and college groups to visit the University and to meet existing staff and students.

The University holds regular Open Days, please check www.bradford.ac.uk/penday for details of forthcoming dates.

In addition, the School of Health Studies offers individual visits by prior arrangement.

We can also accommodate visits by school and college groups to the School by appointment, and are happy to come and speak at school and college careers sessions or events, please contact us on soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk with details of your request.

The School of Health Studies runs a range of taster events as part of the University's Compact Scheme. To find out more and for details of forthcoming events, please visit www.bradford.ac.uk/compact



The City of Bradford

Bradford is a friendly, cosmopolitan city and at the same time is one of the most affordable places to live in the country.

Bradford lies right in the middle of the country, with easy links by rail, road and air north to Scotland, west to Manchester and Liverpool, east to Leeds and York and south to London. It is surrounded by some of the most spectacular and picturesque countryside in the UK. The Pennines, Yorkshire Moors, Yorkshire Dales, Lake District and Derbyshire Peak District are all within easy travelling distance.

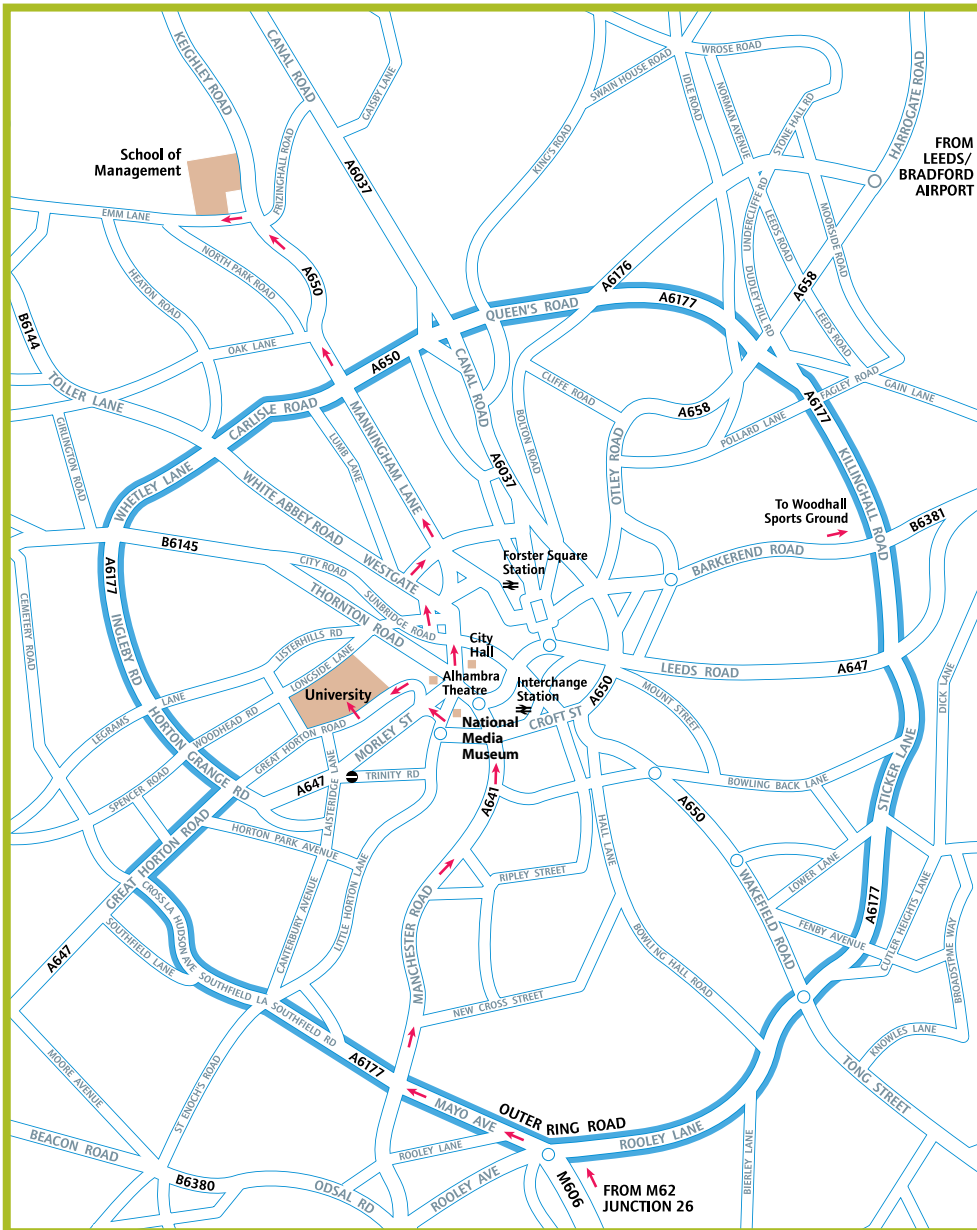
There is certainly plenty to do in Bradford, from visiting the National Media Museum, with its huge IMAX screen, to watching or participating in sport, to going out with friends for a curry. Bradford is famous for the variety of its cuisine and offers a wide range of inexpensive restaurants, cafes and food shops to choose from.

To find out more about what is going on in Bradford, visit www.visitbradford.com or www.bbc.co.uk/bradford



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Coach - services connect most parts of the country to Bradford's Travel Interchange.

Rail - Bradford Interchange and Forster Square stations have extensive rail links, though many involve changing at Leeds. Approximate journey times are:
 London, King's Cross 3 hours
 Edinburgh 4 hours
 Birmingham 3 hours
 Manchester 1 hour
 York 1 hour
 Leeds 20 minutes

There is a free city bus connecting Bradford Travel Interchange, Forster Square station and Centenary Square to the University.

Road - Bradford is connected to the national motorway network via the M62 and M606. Approximate distances are:
 London 200 miles (320 km)
 Edinburgh 200 miles (320 km)
 Birmingham 120 miles (192 km)
 Bristol 220 miles (352 km)
 Manchester 35 miles (56 km)
 Newcastle 95 miles (152 km)
 York 33 miles (53 km)
 Leeds 8 miles (13 km)

Air - There are direct regular air services into Leeds/Bradford International Airport, 7 miles (11 km) from the University, from various cities around the UK and Ireland as well as from Amsterdam and other European locations. You can get from the Airport to the University by bus or taxi. Many internal and international flights can also be made into Manchester Airport, 50 miles (80 km) south-west of Bradford.





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