University of Hertfordshire

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Courses covered

Code	Title
HSMIDSM	Master of Midwifery (Pre-registration shortened)

You can find full details of your course in the Programme Specification.

Important points

This programme meets the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements for student midwives, who upon graduation will be eligible to apply for registration with the NMC professional register.

You will be subject to Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and Occupational Health (OH) screening.

Non-disclosure of any criminal activity prior to or during your studies may lead to your withdrawal from the programme, as outlined in the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure. OH Screening will assess your ability to meet the programme requirements as set out in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. OH clearance will be required prior to attendance on placement. If, for any reason, you should fail to obtain OH clearance this will prevent you from meeting the programme requirements and may lead to your withdrawal from the programme.

You must comply with the 'Principles of Professional Behaviour' expected of students detailed in the University's Fitness to Practice Policy, to demonstrate that you are fit to practice; failure to do so may result in referral to University Fitness to Practice processes.

The University's Fitness to Practice Policy and Regulation (UPR SA15) can be accessed via the Index to the UPR series. The current version of the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure is available at this link HSK DBS procedure. Students should read them before accepting their offer and contact us if they have any questions about anything in them. New students starting from 1 August 2018 will have access to the standard student support system provided by the Student Loans Company (SLC) to cover the cost of their tuition fees and will also be provided with salary support (TBC for Jan 2021 intake). Further funding information for studying nursing, midwifery and allied health professions is available on The Funding Clinic website at http://www.thefundingclinic.org.uk/

Health Education England will offer each student on this programme salary support usually at band 5 via their Trust provider and tuition fee contribution of up to £9,250 per annum via the University. Students eligible for this funding offer will not be able to access the Learning Support Fund (LSF). Further information on eligibility requirements for LSF are available on the NHS

Business Services Authority website . However, students are entitled to seek support, if eligible, from the Student Loans Company for a maintenance loan.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024
- Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024
- Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024

Expected workload

Over the programme a full-time student midwife is expected to achieve a minimum of 3000 hours on their studies, with 50% theory and 50% practice (NMC, 2019). In accordance with the NMC guidelines, the theory: practice ratio across this programme is approximately 50:50

Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on each part of the programme. All modules for each part must be passed to progress to the next stage.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	15%	41%	44%
Year 2	15%	31%	54%

Method of assessment

	Test	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	0%	0%	60%	40%
Year 2	0%	0%	83%	17%

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/Optional	Estimated cost
Placement travel expenses		Mandatory	Dependent on location of placement, costs for travel

			normally average between £0-£400 per placement
Elective Placement	2	Mandatory	£0-1000
			Dependent on where the student chooses to do the elective - this could be in the UK or overseas - and costs incurred accordingly.
Books	All	Optional	£40-£70 per text
Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Learning Resources Centre either as eBooks or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so you may wish to purchase your own copies. UNICEF Breastfeeding and Relationship Building Workbook	1	Mandatory	£10
Other Costs	All	Mandatory	Only if badges are lost
ID badges and name badges. If you lose these then you will have to pay replacement costs. Some Trusts provide students with			(£20 for the ID Card; £5 for the name badge).
'swipe' access cards and there may be a fee associated with these.			Swipe access £10.
Appropriate footwear for placements	All	Mandatory	£20-£100 footwear
Fob watch	All	Mandatory	£10-£20 fob watch