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# Higher Diploma in Midwifery



## Course Overview

This course is taught by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin in partnership with The Coombe Hospital and The Rotunda Hospital.

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## Key Facts

### Duration

18 months

### Award

Higher Diploma

### Start Date

March or September

### NCQ Level

8

### Further information

<http://bit.ly/1sAkoJU>

### How to apply

<http://bit.ly/3JI0tCt>

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This course aims to develop midwives with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become competent, analytical and reflective practitioners, thus enabling them to provide care in a manner that benefits women, their babies and families.

### Structure and delivery

The course consists of classroom and practice learning:

**Theory:** 26 weeks (24 weeks classroom and 10 individual study days)

**Practice:** 52 weeks (including 8 weeks of annual leave and Public Holidays)

For the duration of the course, the student is an employee of either The Coombe Hospital, Dublin or The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin and a registered student of Trinity College Dublin. Candidates of the programme are sponsored by the HSE and will retain their current point on the staff nurse salary scale on entry to the Higher Diploma in Midwifery programme.

Progression through the programme will require the student to achieve the required standards for attendance, professional conduct and the assessment of theory and practice. Assessment methods are varied and wide ranging, they include: examinations; written and oral assignments; case presentations; independent and group work; skills assessment and OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination).

### Modules (ECTS are listed in brackets)

- MW7013 Foundation skills for Midwifery Practice and Sharing the Woman's Experience (10)
- MW7014 Health Promotion and Infant Feeding (10)
- MW7015 Midwifery Clinical Practice 1 (1-3) (15 ECTS)
- MW7016 Core Midwifery Practice and Adaption in Pregnancy (10)
- MW7017 Midwifery Practice: Pathophysiology and Unexpected Outcomes of Pregnancy and Childbirth (10)
- MW7018 Midwifery Research - Evidence for Midwifery Practice (10)
- MW7012 Being a Midwife - Personal and Professional Development (10)
- MW7019 Midwifery Clinical Practice 2 (4-7) (15 ECTS)

### Entry Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the following minimum entry criteria:

- a. Must be a registered general nurse on the General Nurse Division of the register maintained by An Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland)
- b. Be on the Active Register maintained by An Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland)
- c. Have a relevant academic qualification, preferably to degree level
- d. Satisfy the selection committee that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course
- e. Applicants for this programme must have secured a place in one of the two partnership hospitals (The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin or The Coombe Hospital, Dublin) before applying to TCD

### Further details are available from

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