



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK  
Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery



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COLÁISTE na hOllscoile CORCAIGH

## Degree of BSc (Hons) Midwifery

*In Association with*  
Cork University Maternity Hospital

*Leading to Registration as a Midwife*



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



Ospideal Maithreachais  
na h'Ollscoile Corcaigh  
Cork University  
Maternity Hospital

# Introduction

Midwives provide care to women throughout pregnancy, labour and following the birth of their baby. Midwives provide health information and antenatal care and support women while preparing for birth. The midwife is recognised by the WHO as the most appropriate person to care for women experiencing normal pregnancy and birth. When the baby is born the midwife assists the woman to care for her baby and supports her in the transition to motherhood. Midwives can work in a variety of settings, including both maternity hospitals and in community settings. They are required to provide a range of skills in a flexible environment. They are part of the multidisciplinary team that provide optimal care for women and their families.

The midwifery programme is a 4 year, full-time, undergraduate degree, leading to the award of a BSc (Hons) Midwifery, on successful completion graduates will be entitled to apply to An Bord Altranais for registration as a midwife (RM). This programme will enable an individual to become a confident and competent midwife and part of an internationally recognised profession.



# Programme Details

The programme is delivered in partnership with the Cork University Maternity Hospital.

Students undertake midwifery modules and share some modules with nursing students including: biological sciences, social sciences, communication and IT studies. Practice placement experiences are provided each year in maternity settings and some other health care areas.

The number of weeks of lectures, practice placements and the duration of the summer break are as follows:

- Year 1* 26 weeks theory, 12 weeks practice placement, 13 weeks summer break
- Year 2* 26 weeks theory, 13 weeks practice placement, 10 weeks summer break
- Year 3* 13 weeks theory, 19 weeks practice placements, 18 weeks summer break
- Year 4* 12 weeks theory, 37 weeks practice placement (of which 36 weeks are rostered placements\*) & 4 weeks holidays

\*While on the rostered placement in Year 4 students will receive a salary equivalent to 80% of a qualified 1st year staff nurse salary. This placement will involve rotation to all areas of maternity care and include weekend and day/night shift work with appropriate allowances payable.

## Practice Placements

Students will have the opportunity to work in maternity settings to acquire knowledge and skills in midwifery practice. This will include caring for women during pregnancy, during labour and birth and caring for the mother and newborn postnatally. The skills acquired will facilitate the student to be able to provide midwifery care to women experiencing normal pregnancy and to prevent, detect and manage maternity and neonatal emergencies.

Students will obtain their antenatal, intranatal and postnatal placements within the Cork University Maternity Hospital.





## Specialist Placements

Other placements include: medical/surgical, neonatal and gynaecology placements community practice, and mental health settings.

While on practice placements, students work/study under the supervision of midwives. Support is provided by Clinical Placement Co-ordinators, and midwife lecturers.



## Career opportunities

If you want a career that offers diversity and excitement, working with women and their families at an important time in their lives then midwifery may be ideally suited to you.

As a midwife, with an internationally recognised qualification, you will be able to work in a variety of maternity care settings and/or, you may wish to enhance your practice through further education.

There are career opportunities for midwives in practice, education, research and management. Clinical Midwife Specialist and Advanced Midwife Practitioner roles are possible career developments. Further education at Masters and PhD Degrees level are available.

The midwifery qualification is recognised throughout the European Union.



# Entry Requirements

## Under 23 years

Applicants under 23 yrs must satisfy the minimum entry requirements for the College of Medicine and Health. Minimum grade: HC3 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at H or O level in the Leaving Certificate from Irish, English, Mathematics, one laboratory subject( i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry( Joint) or Agricultural Science and two other subjects recognised for entry purposes. Application for entry to programme is through the CAO

## Mature Applicants (over 23)

Application for entry to the programme is through the CAO. Applications are processed by the Nursing and Midwifery Careers Centre, An Bord Altranais.

## BSc (Hons) Midwifery

CAO Standard Code: CK740

CAO Mature Code: CK741





## Cork City

Since the city was founded by St Finbarr over 1,000 years ago it has grown from a trading merchant city to a cosmopolitan vibrant 21st century city of today. The city, situated on the banks of the River Lee, is home to 123,000 people. The overall quality of life and physical environment of Cork City and its hinterland is excellent and is readily accessible to residents and visitors. This is evident in the parks, rivers, lakes, tourist attractions, sports, and recreational facilities available along with many cultural and heritage attractions.

The city also boasts a year long calendar of festivals ranging from folk, jazz, choral and film. In recognition of this commitment Cork City was selected as the European Capital of Culture in 2005. Cork city has the deepest natural harbour in Ireland with direct ferry crossings to UK and mainland Europe. Cork International Airport offers direct flights to the UK and parts of Europe and connecting flights to other European and American destinations.



## Further Information

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