



# Master of Midwifery



**Domestic fee:** \$7,023 (first year)

**International fee:** \$28,220 (first year)

Compulsory student levy >  
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\*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

Location	Online
Duration	Two years full-time; part-time options
Delivery	Online with two compulsory online thesis schools

Credits	180 or 240
Level	9
Start	February and July
Apply	Anytime

Already practising as a registered midwife but want to develop advanced skills through independent research and scholarship?

This internationally-recognised programme has a strong research focus and builds on the knowledge and skills gained during the Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery through the provision of more demanding and intensive study. There are two options for completing this programme. You can complete a 120 credit midwifery thesis or in some instances a 60 credit midwifery dissertation. The thesis option enables you to complete a piece of original research based on higher order skills of analysis and critical evaluation. Both pathways also require the completion of two compulsory prerequisite courses: Knowledge and Theory in Midwifery, and Research Methods in Midwifery.

During this programme, you will benefit from the support and advice from experienced lecturers and make use of our extensive networks to increase your career prospects. You are required to attend two Thesis Schools annually; these are online so you can attend from wherever you are studying. The Thesis Schools are an opportunity for you to present your progress to lecturers and your peers in the programme, to seek feedback and contribute to the discussions about the work of others, a fertile ground for great ideas!

## Skills required

- > A passion for women's health.
- > The ability to work independently and with others.
- > The ability to respond to changing circumstances.
- > Excellent communication and negotiation skills.
- > The ability to work well under pressure.
- > The ability to be accountable.

## Entry requirements

- > You must be a registered midwife and hold a Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery with a B grade average, OR equivalent.

- > Consideration for direct entry into the 180-credit Master's programme will require presentation of a portfolio which demonstrates appropriate academic and personal skills. These include:
  - > Completion of 60 credits of postgraduate study (or equivalent)
  - > Eligibility for cross-crediting of postgraduate level courses completed elsewhere
  - > Portfolio of publications
  - > Presentation of a comprehensive and well-structured research proposal
  - > Completed research projects or ongoing involvement in collaborative research projects which demonstrate understanding and facility with research processes
  - > Midwifery experience which could include an extensive practice history including project work undertaken during self- or institutional employment.
- > International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements. Click here for your country's equivalent entry criteria.

For New Zealand registered midwives:

- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
  - > Overall Academic IELTS 7.5 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
  - > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

For International midwifery students who are not registered in New Zealand:

- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
  - > Overall Academic IELTS 6.5 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years)
    - > Speaking band  $\geq 7.0$
    - > Listening band  $\geq 7.0$
    - > No individual band less than 6.0, OR
  - > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

Additional documentation

You must supply certified copies of academic records and proof of identity.

Selection procedure

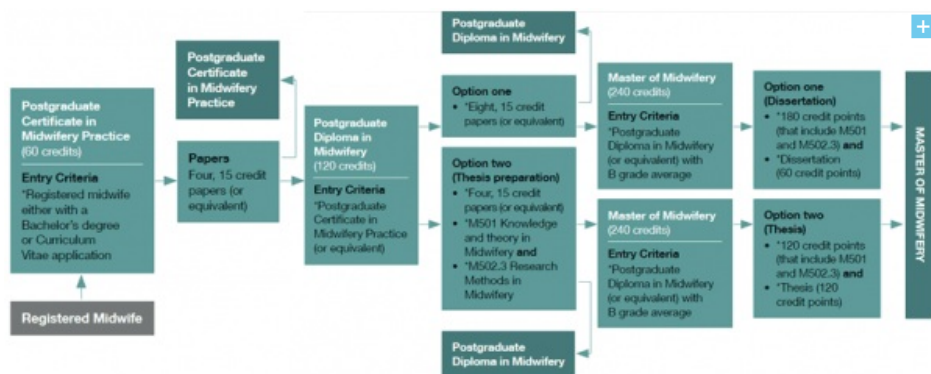
You are encouraged to consult at an early stage with the Postgraduate Coordinator Suzanne Miller (suzanne.miller@op.ac.nz) and can enrol in your programme at any time following this consultation.

Your workload

Each course requires working through online resources and participating in online discussions. There will be additional reading and preparation of assessments. Individual pathways and hours will vary but across each semester it is reasonable to plan approximately ten hours per week, per course.

Further study options

Opportunities for further research and enrolment in PhD programmes are available elsewhere in New Zealand and overseas.



Programme specific risks

When studying courses offered online or using other electronic media, you may be at risk of Occupational Overuse Syndrome or other injuries brought about by long periods of computer use.

#### Student loans/allowances

Student loans and allowances are for domestic students only. For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website. It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process.

Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

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