



Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery Practice



Domestic fee: \$3,589

International fee: \$14,090

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

Location	Online
Duration	Six months full-time; part-time options
Delivery	Each course involves working through online resources and taking part in online discussions

Credits	60
Level	8
Start	February, April, July or September
Apply	Anytime

Already a registered midwife and looking for a way to extend your professional expertise?

This postgraduate programme is ideal as it is flexible, practice-focused and relevant. Undertake four courses of seven weeks each that focus on aspects of midwifery practice and critically analyse your own midwifery experiences as a means of adding depth to your knowledge base. Tailored to meet your individual needs, our online learning options enable you to study from home. Benefit from the support from experienced lecturers and the opportunity for networking while gaining new skills.

A perfect springboard into further study, the Postgraduate Certificate allows you to start slowly and increase your qualifications as you go. Each programme contributes to the next so that four papers successfully completed in the Certificate mean you only need four more to achieve the Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery. Online learning resources may include PowerPoint presentations, worksheets, word documents, interactive web pages and links to relevant electronic documents or websites.

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 bachelor's degree OR have relevant equivalent skills and knowledge acquired through appropriate work or professional experience.

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 ≥ 7.0
 - > Listening band ≥ 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 enrol early to enable us to plan our courses and allocate staff resources.

2020 course dates

All courses are 15-credits.

10 February - 27 March

- > Preceptorship for midwives
- > Complexities, culture and research around safe sleep for pēpi
- > Diabetes in pregnancy

April 27 – June 12

- > Sexual health in pregnancy
- > Working with tangata whenua: Building equity in maternity care
- > Diabetes in pregnancy

July 13 – August 28

- > Midwifery practice in rural and primary maternity settings
- > Queering midwifery: Sexuality, gender and sex characteristic diversity
- > Diabetes in pregnancy

September 14 – October 30

- > Perinatal mental health
- > Leadership and change in midwifery practice
- > Diabetes in pregnancy

A course summary document is available here.

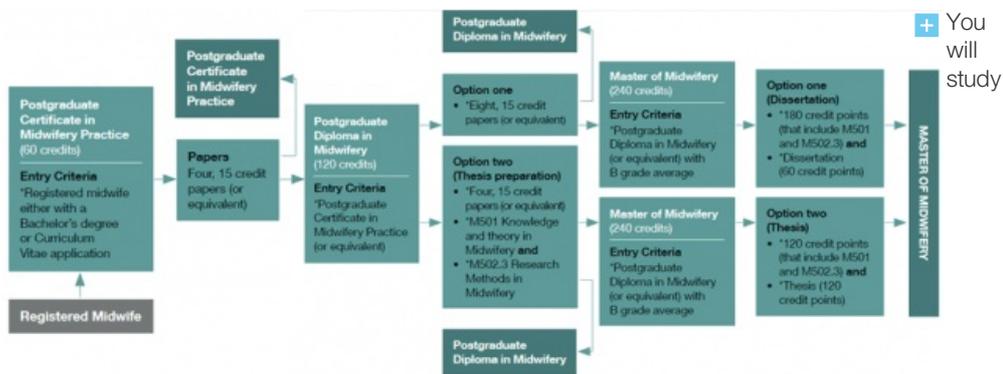
If you are a returning student, please contact ebsMID@op.ac.nz for a 2020 course selection form. New students wishing to study should please apply online.

Ongoing study for Postgraduate Diploma or Master of Midwifery

If you have completed your Postgraduate Certificate, or Complex Care, please contact Suzanne Miller (suzanne.miller@op.ac.nz) to plan your ongoing study.

If you have completed the pre-thesis Diploma courses (Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Knowledge, and Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Research Methodologies), please contact Suzanne Miller (suzanne.miller@op.ac.nz) for advice on enrolling in the Master of Midwifery.

Happy studying!



Learning packages will be displayed on the online Moodle learning management system supported by Adobe Connect online tutorials and activities will include quizzes, completion of worksheets, and the use of the Moodle forum for discussion and presentations.

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 each 'credit' in a course equates to approximately 10 learning hours.

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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