



Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery



Domestic fee: \$7,163

International fee: \$28,220

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

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

Credits	120
Level	8
Start	February, April, July and September
Apply	Anytime

Are you a registered midwife and want to extend your midwifery knowledge through a review of current thinking and research?

Build on the Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery Practice and extend your professional skills during this relevant and practice-focused programme. Consult with the Postgraduate Course Coordinator (suzanne.miller@op.ac.nz) to plan your future study pathway. Critically analyse your own experiences as a midwife as a means of adding depth to your knowledge base, and further develop your confidence and transferable skill set enabling you to work anywhere in the world and to really make a difference in people's lives.

Successful completion of this Diploma contributes half the credits required for our Master of Midwifery. Our online learning means that you can study from home and benefit from the support of experienced lecturers and the opportunity for networking. Online learning resources may include PowerPoint presentations, worksheets, word documents, interactive web pages and links to relevant electronic documents or websites.

To complete your Diploma, you will need to complete the two pre-thesis courses: Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Knowledge, and Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Research Methodologies (30-credits per course).

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, Postgraduate Certificate in

Midwifery Practice, OR equivalent.

- > You must have access to the internet.
- > International students will be individually assessed to ensure they meet the entry requirements.

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 courses and to allocate staff resources.

2020 Course dates

All 15-credits - except Complex Care, Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Knowledge and, Pathway to Thesis: Research Methodologies (30-credits)

10 February - 27 March

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

10 February - 12 June

- > Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Knowledge*

27 April - 12 June

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

13 July - 28 August

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

13 July - 30 August

- > Pathway to Thesis: Midwifery Research Methodologies*

14 September - 30 October

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

*These courses are restricted to students who have completed their postgraduate certificate and who are intending to enrol in a Master's thesis paper in the next two years.

[Click here for the course summary document.](#)

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

You will study

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

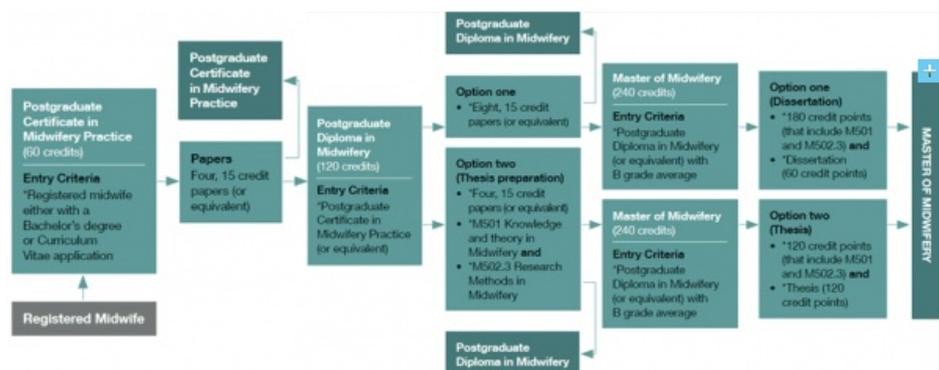
Each course requires working through online resources and participating in online discussions. There will be additional reading and preparation of assessments. Individual pathways and hours will vary but each 'credit' in a course size equates to approximately 10 learning hours.

Further study options

Hone your expertise and increase your career prospects by applying for the Master of Midwifery.

If you have completed your Postgraduate Certificate, Complex Care or the pre-thesis Diploma courses (Knowledge and Theory in Midwifery, and Research Methods in Midwifery Practice), please contact Suzanne Miller (suzanne.miller@op.ac.nz) for advice on enrolling in the Master of Midwifery.

Happy studying!



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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