



Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery Practice



Domestic fee: \$3,627

International fee: \$14,090

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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.

2021 course dates

15 February - 2 April

- > Preceptorship for midwives
- > Exploring maternal obesity
- > Climate change, health and birth

April 26 – June 11

- > Working with tangata whenua: Building equity in maternity care
- > Hypertension on pregnancy
- > Queering midwifery: Sexuality, gender and sex characteristic diversity

July 12 – August 27

- > NEW! Reproductive rights, midwifery and me
- > Political and practical challenges to breastfeeding
- > Infant mental health

September 20 - November 5

- > NEW! Applied anatomy and physiology for midwives
- > Diabetes in pregnancy
- > Global midwifery: Practical steps

A course summary document is available here.

If you are a returning student, please contact ebsMID@op.ac.nz for a 2021 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!

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 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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