



## Bachelor of **Midwifery**

If you are passionate about helping people and want a rewarding career providing high-quality maternity care, Te Herenga Waka's Tohu Paetahi Whakawhānau—Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid) is the right choice for you.

The BMid provides you with the breadth of knowledge and clinical experience required for successful practice in the complex environment of today's registered kahu pōkai—midwives. It is a comprehensive 480-point degree that you will complete over four years of study. Successful completion of the degree and the national midwifery examination will enable you to practise within the Midwifery Scope of Practice\*.

The University's BMid is a research-informed programme that draws on both the kahu pōkai—midwifery expertise and the broader academic strengths of Te Pukenga Wai—Faculty of Education, Health, and Psychological Sciences and the wider university. Courses will include lectures, labs, group work in a simulation environment, and clinical learning experiences.

In the first year, you'll complete foundation courses in biology, biomedical science, chemistry, education, health, and two introductory kahu pōkai—midwifery practice courses. The remaining courses focus on midwifery theory and midwifery practice.

\*Go to [midwiferycouncil.health.nz](http://midwiferycouncil.health.nz) for more information on the national midwifery examination and Scope of Practice.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates of the BMid programme will have taken their first step on the path to work as registered kahu pōkai—midwives, either employed by hospitals, other maternity care providers, or as a self-employed health professional. Graduates may also be eligible to enter postgraduate kahu pōkai—midwifery programmes and undertake research.

**i** [wgtn.ac.nz/careers](http://wgtn.ac.nz/careers)

### **POSTGRADUATE STUDY**

Graduates of the BMid who are registered health professionals can continue to study kahu pōkai—midwifery at a postgraduate level. Te Pukenga Wai—Faculty of Education, Health, and Psychological Sciences offers midwifery as part of a Postgraduate Diploma in Health or a Master of Health. Graduates who are professionally registered with the Midwifery Council of New Zealand can also pursue a Master of Health Research or a Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery.

**i** [wgtn.ac.nz/health/postgraduate](http://wgtn.ac.nz/health/postgraduate)



### **FIND OUT MORE**

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**i** [wgtn.ac.nz/bmid](http://wgtn.ac.nz/bmid)

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the University's admission requirements, students need to meet the criteria below.

<b>Level 2</b>	16 credits at Level 2 in both Biology and Chemistry or Physics	16 credits at Level 2 in another subject		
<b>Level 3</b>	18 credits at Level 3 in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	16 credits at Level 3 in Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, or Media Studies	16 credits at Level 3 in an approved University Entrance subject	16 credits at Level 3 in an approved University Entrance subject
<b>Other entry criteria</b>	Proof of immunisation	First-aid certificate	Driver's licence	CV
	Personal declaration—health and disability	Personal declaration—criminal convictions	Contact details of referees	Selection meeting

If you do not have Level 3 qualifications, you may be admitted on successful completion of a Level 4 bridging programme for health-related degrees, or on demonstrated ability to study at degree level, such as graduate status. CHEM 191 Introductory Chemistry is recommended as a chemistry bridging course at the University.

For more information about entry requirements, go to [wgtn.ac.nz/bmid](http://wgtn.ac.nz/bmid)

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Four years of full-time study.

A total of 480 points is required.

The BMid must include:

- ▶ MIDW 101, MIDW 102, BIOL 111, BIOL 114, BMSC 117, EDUC 141, HLWB 105, SCIE 105
- ▶ MIDW 201, MIDW 202, MIDW 204, MIDW 205, MIDW 206
- ▶ MIDW 301, MIDW 302, MIDW 303, MIDW 304, MIDW 305, MIDW 306, MIDW 307, MIDW 308, MIDW 309, MIDW 310, MIDW 311.

## FIRST YEAR

Trimester 1 (1/3)	Trimester 2 (2/3)
MIDW 101	MIDW 102
BIOL 114	BIOL 111
SCIE 105	BMSC 117
HLWB 105	EDUC 141

## BMID COURSES

### 100-level (first-year) courses

Course code	Course title
MIDW 101	Midwifery Practice 1: Becoming a Midwife
MIDW 102	Midwifery Practice 2: Preparation for Practice
BIOL 111	Cell and Molecular Biology
BIOL 114	Biology of Animals
BMSC 117	The Biology of Disease
EDUC 141	Human Development and Learning
HLWB 105	Introduction to Health Psychology
SCIE 105	The Molecular Science of Life

### 200-level (second-year) courses

Course code	Course title
MIDW 201	Anatomy and Physiology: Pregnancy and Childbirth
MIDW 202	Midwifery Practice 3: Care of the Newborn
MIDW 204	Professional Frameworks for Midwifery Practice
MIDW 205	Midwifery Practice 4: Supporting Women
MIDW 206	Transition to Parenthood

### 300-level (third-year) courses

Course code	Course title
MIDW 301	Midwifery Practice 5: Art and Science of Midwifery
MIDW 302	Midwifery as a Public Health Strategy
MIDW 303	Women's Health
MIDW 304	Research and Enquiry in Midwifery
MIDW 305	Complexities in Pregnancy and Childbirth
MIDW 306	Midwifery Practice 6: Women with Complex Pregnancies

### 300-level (fourth-year) courses

Course code	Course title
MIDW 307	Applied Pharmacology and Physiology for Midwives
MIDW 308	Being a Midwife
MIDW 309	Midwifery Practice 7: Complex Labour and Birth
MIDW 310	Midwifery Practice 8: Transition to Practice
MIDW 311	Midwifery Practice 9: Practice Project

DEGREE EXAMPLE

YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
MIDW 101 15 points	MIDW 102 15 points	MIDW 201 15 points	MIDW 202 30 points	MIDW 301 30 points	MIDW 304 15 points	MIDW 307 15 points	MIDW 310 30 points
BIOL 114 15 points	BIOL 111 15 points	MIDW 204 20 points	MIDW 206 30 points	MIDW 302 15 points	MIDW 305 15 points	MIDW 308 15 points	MIDW 311 30 points
SCIE 105 15 points	BMSC 117 15 points	MIDW 205 20 points		MIDW 303 15 points	MIDW 306 30 points	MIDW 309 30 points	
HLWB 105 15 points	EDUC 141 20 points						
60 POINTS	65 POINTS	55 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS	60 POINTS
125 POINTS		115 POINTS		120 POINTS		120 POINTS	

Note: The trimester offerings for courses in year four are subject to change.

Total points required: 480  
Total points completed: 480





"I really liked that midwifery is a partnership model—you have to build trust and respect with the birthing parent and whānau to maximise the quality of care. My biggest motivation is making sure that everyone has equal access to the care that they need."

**Sarah**  
Graduate, Bachelor of Midwifery