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BACHELOR OF

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BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

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Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington's Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid) is a research-informed degree that prepares you for a rewarding career as a midwife.

SUPPORT PARENTS, BABIES, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Midwives support parents during pregnancy and up to six weeks after birth. Give back to your community and build a meaningful career as you help to bring new life—and new parents—into the world.

LEARN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MIDWIFERY

Gain the theoretical and practical skills you will need for a successful career as a midwife through lectures, labs, tutorials, simulation, and 2,400 hours of clinical learning experience.

MEET THE DEMAND

Completion of the Bachelor of Midwifery, passing the National Midwifery Examination, and meeting the requirements for registration will enable you to practise as a registered midwife in New Zealand, where there is currently demand for midwives.





“What inspires me the most about midwives is their resilience. Throughout history, no matter what’s happening, no matter what’s going on, where there’s birthing and mothers and babies, there are midwives.”

Anahera Olsen Ngatai
Student, Bachelor of Midwifery

DEGREE STRUCTURE

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
MIDW 101 Midwifery Practice 1: Becoming a Midwife	MIDW 201 Anatomy and Physiology: Pregnancy and Childbirth	MIDW 301 Midwifery Practice 5: Art and Science of Midwifery	MIDW 307 Applied Pharmacology and Physiology for Midwives
MIDW 102 Midwifery Practice 2: Preparation for Practice	MIDW 202 Midwifery Practice 3: Care of the Newborn	MIDW 302 Midwifery as a Public Health Strategy	MIDW 308 Being a Midwife
BIOL 111 Cell Biology	MIDW 203 Transition to Parenthood	MIDW 303 Women's Health	MIDW 309 Midwifery Practice 7: Complex Labour and Birth
BIOL 114 Biology of Animals	MIDW 204 Professional Frameworks for Midwifery Practice	MIDW 304 Research and Enquiry in Midwifery	MIDW 310 Midwifery Practice 8: Transition to Practice
BMSC 117 The Biology of Disease	MIDW 205 Midwifery Practice 4: Supporting Women	MIDW 305 Complexities in Pregnancy and Childbirth	MIDW 311 Midwifery Practice 9: Practice Project
CHEM 113 Concepts of Chemistry	BIOL 253 Physiology and Pharmacology for Health	MIDW 306 Midwifery Practice 6: Women with Complex Pregnancies	
EDUC 141 Human Development and Learning			
HLWB 105 Introduction to Health Psychology			

In your first year, you'll mostly be based at our Kelburn campus. In your second and third years, you'll spend time getting experience with midwifery practice in clinical learning environments and will have face-to-face intensives at the University's campus at the Wellington Regional Hospital. By the end of your fourth year, you will have completed 2,400 hours of practice.



CAREERS IN MIDWIFERY

Once you have completed a BMid, you will have the skills, knowledge, and experience to sit the National Midwifery Examination, which is required to become a registered midwife.

Midwifery graduates may work for hospitals (district health boards), primary health organisations (PHOs), birthing centres, or in self-employed community-based practice. Experienced midwives with postgraduate qualifications may work for universities and health research organisations. Experienced midwives can also mentor or deliver continuing education for others.



“Midwives need to be patient, attentive, good listeners, open minded, non-judgemental, supportive, and good communicators, including across cultures that are not their own. It is hard work physically and emotionally, but it is thoroughly rewarding to see mothers and their babies thriving and know you had a big part to play in that.

“There is a shortage of Pasifika midwives nationally in New Zealand and a growing Pasifika population in the childbearing ages. Research suggests that an increased Pasifika workforce caring for Pasifika women will reduce poor outcomes for mothers and their babies that exist in our communities. It is being able to provide care in a culturally appropriate way.”

Penina Fitisemanu

Community-based lead maternity care midwife

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 18 credits at Level 3 in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
- A minimum of 16 credits at Level 3 in Art History, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, or Media Studies
- A further 16 credits at Level 3 in two NCEA University Entrance approved subjects
- A minimum of 16 credits at Level 2 in Biology
- A minimum of 16 credits at Level 2 in Chemistry or Physics
- A further 16 credits at Level 2 in another subject
- A minimum of 10 literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing
- A minimum of 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of specified numeracy achievement standards, or three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627)

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. If you are aged over 20, you may be admitted if you can show academic equivalence of the above entry requirements or evidence of your ability to study successfully at degree level.

You will also need to meet set criteria, including having supportive referees, making declarations about any criminal convictions or health and disability issues, and successfully taking part in a selection meeting. Places in these qualifications will be offered on the basis of your academic merit and personal attributes.



REFEREES

You will need to supply the names and contact details of two referees, who will be contacted by the University via email. They should be people who know you well but are not family members, partners, or friends. If possible, one of your referees should be a recent employer, teacher, or lecturer who has known you for at least 12 months.

PERSONAL DECLARATIONS

Health and disability: In order to identify anything that may place pregnant people and babies in your care at risk, or inhibit your performance in clinical learning experiences, you need to declare any medical, psychological, or learning difficulty or disability that could limit your participation in the Midwifery programme. This declaration also enables us to provide appropriate support to help you succeed in your programme.

Criminal convictions: You will be required to provide permission for a police check to ensure you meet the requirements of the Children's Act 2014. If you have been convicted of any offence, you must give details of the offence at the time of your application.

SELECTION MEETING

You will participate in a selection meeting in Wellington to ensure you have both the academic and personal qualities to succeed in the programme and practise as a midwife. The selection meeting will include multiple mini interviews and group work to assess you as a candidate for the BMid programme.

AFTER YOU APPLY

Before you can participate in the required clinical learning experiences for the BMid, you must also provide before the beginning of Trimester 1:

- a current comprehensive First Aid Certificate
- proof of immunisation
- a copy of your New Zealand driver's licence, and
- plans in place showing you will be able to attend a birth at short notice, including transport and childcare arrangements, if needed.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

Courses at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington are normally taught in English. Assessment usually requires written work in the form of reports and essays and may include examinations.

Admission to the BMid requires a minimum academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test score of 7.0, not less than 6.5 in reading and writing, and not less than 7.0 in speaking and listening achieved at the same time. If English is not your first language, you must undertake an IELTS test and submit the test results with your application.

Contact the English Language Institute for more information.

- ☎ 04 463 5600
- ✉ lals@vuw.ac.nz
- 🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/englishlanguage-institute

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT

If you have a degree qualification from an overseas university, you may need to have it assessed and approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) for acceptance into a midwifery programme. Go to www.nzqa.govt.nz for further information about assessment of overseas qualifications.



“One of the amazing things about New Zealand’s maternity system is the diversity of people. You look after the whole spectrum of New Zealanders and you give the same service. You have an opportunity to help people from all walks of life.”

Dr Billie Bradford
Senior Lecturer in Midwifery

FIND OUT MORE

KEY DATES

Enrolments open on 10 September 2021. Applications for study in 2022 are due on 1 December 2021.

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For help with course planning, contact Student Recruitment and Orientation.

☎ 0800 04 04 04

✉ course-advice@vuw.ac.nz

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/courses

OTHER STUDENT RESOURCES

Disability support

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability

Māori student support

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/awhina

Pasifika student success

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika

Rainbow student support

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/rainbow

Scholarships

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