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multidisciplinary settings to improve choice, access and continuity of care. for childbearing women and their families. This is supported by recent research into women's experiences of maternity care, which identified good communication, support, involving women in their care and being treated with respect, dignity and kindness, as factors which contributed to a positive experience. Midwifery is an evolving profession, so a key part of this course is about developing the skills to adapt to new situations and to become a resilient practitioner to meet the needs of women, babies and families.

The course is divided into theoretical (50%) and practice components (50%). The practice learning and assessments takes place in a range of clinical placements.

The design of the course has been, and will continue to be, determined through the close,

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women's decisions.

The public health agenda acknowledges that midwifery care has a significant impact on the overall health of the population and has specific impact on the si

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appropriate professional when required.

- Critically compare and assess the multiple ideological influences within contemporary midwifery practice.

2. Subject specific skills

- Critically reflect on the effectiveness of personal and professional judgment to achieve the best possible birth outcome for mother and baby.
- Utilise strategies, which will assist with the integration of choice and implementation of continuity of care for childbearing women.
- Appreciate a wide range of methodological approaches to achieving evidence-based midwifery care and midwifery perspectives to promote childbearing as a normal process.
- Articulate the regulatory requirements for midwifery practice and code of professional conduct.

3. Key/common skills

- Demonstrate qualities, including effective communication, initiative and proactive approaches, self-reflexivity and problem-solving skills in a variety of theoretical and practical settings.
- Critically analyse, interpret and apply the evidence underpinning practice and evaluate, challenge and create change in practice accordingly.
- Engage in effective collaboration with women and their families and other health and social care professionals.
- Formulate strategies to develop their own lifelong learning and continuing professional development

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the following Professional Standards: Nursing and Midwifery Council

Part 1: NMC Standards for Nursing and Midwifery Education (2018a)

Part 2: NMC Standards for Student Supervision and Assessment (2018b)

Part 3: NMC (2023) Standards for Pre-registration Midwifery Programmes

NMC (2019) Standards of Proficiency for Midwives

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Midwifery comprises modules at levels 4, 5 and 6.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

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	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Developing the Student Midwife	20	M
	Anatomy and Physiology in Midwifery	20	M
	Continuum of Midwifery Care	20	M
	Care of the Newborn Infant and Infant Feeding	20	M
	Skills for Midwifery Practice 1	40	M
Level 5			
	Women's Lives	20	M
	Pre-existing and Antenatal Additional Care	20	M
	Labour, Birth and Postnatal Additional Care	20	M

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Special Features

On successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Midwifery students are eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. You must register your qualification with the NMC within five years to practise as a midwife. Failure to do so will mean you need to undertake further education and training to practise in the UK.

This course is delivered in partnership with five local NHS Trusts (6 Hospitals) across the East of England region.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own specialist knowledge to contribute and are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Course Costs

Students undertaking BSc (Hons) Midwifery will be charged tuition fees as detailed below.

Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£9,535 per year
Full-time EU/International	£18,380 per year

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Students will be required to pay for their DBS check and a small ID check and processing fee; additional fees may be incurred upon a student returning from a period of intercalation. The cost of DBS checks can be found on the [DBS page of the University of Suffolk website](#). Students are likely to incur other costs for learning materials such as printing, books and stationery. Students may be eligible to claim for travel and car parking costs whilst on placement; however, these are paid retrospectively.