

**DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	<b>BSc (Hons) Midwifery [Shortened]</b>
Awarding Bodies	<b>University of Suffolk</b>
Level of Award <sup>1</sup>	<b>FHEQ Level 6</b>
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	<b>Nursing and Midwifery Council</b>
Credit Structure <sup>2</sup>	<b>240 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits Level 6: 120 Credits</b>
Mode of Attendance	<b>Full-time (equivalent to 40 hours per week for 45 weeks of the year)</b>
Standard Length of Course <sup>3</sup>	<b>2 years full-time</b>
Intended Award	<b>BSc (Hons) Midwifery</b>
Named Exit Awards	<b>None</b>
Entry Requirements <sup>4</sup>	<p><b>Applicants for the BSc (Hons) Midwifery [Shortened] course require:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Active registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a Registered Nurse (Adult) first level status. This must be maintained to meet the NMC revalidation requirements for the duration of the course.</b></li> <li><b>2. A Degree or Diploma of Higher Education in Adult Nursing and</b></li> <li><b>3. Six months' full-time post registration experience within the last two years.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>For applicants whose first language is not English, but who have been living in the UK for less than two years (or have not lived in the UK at all), we accept IELTS 7.0.</b></p> <p><b>All students also need satisfactory DBS and Occupational Health Checks</b></p>
Delivering Institution(s)	<b>University of Suffolk</b>

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the BSc (Hons) Midwifery [Shortened] course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 5 in the 2025-26 academic year<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2024\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

<sup>3</sup> Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

<sup>4</sup> Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#) and further details about Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) can be found on the [University's DBS webpage](#).

<sup>5</sup> The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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**Course Summary**

This course will enable you to acquire appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes to deliver safe and high-quality midwifery care for all women and their partners. It will also equip you to develop interpersonal and negotiation skills that can be utilised within a range of 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, collaborative working relationship between the University of Suffolk, past and present



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- Organise, manage and evaluate care of childbearing women and their families including prioritising care.
- Confidently apply knowledge base to undertake emergency procedures and refer to appropriate professional when required.

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### Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Midwifery [Shortened] comprises modules at levels 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.

	Module	Credits	Module Type <sup>7</sup>
Level 5			
	Continuum of Midwifery Care	20	M
	Care of the Newborn Infant and Infant Feeding	20	M
	Pre-existing and Antenatal Additional Care	20	M 2

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This course is delivered in partnership with five local NHS Trusts 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 [shortened] 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.

### Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate