



Midwifery

If you would enjoy working with women who are pregnant, new mothers and newborn babies, this could be the career for you. The term 'midwife' means 'with woman'. Midwives provide care and support to women during pregnancy, labour and birth, and to women and their babies following birth.

Midwives work in partnership with women and build a relationship based on mutual trust, support and collaboration where pregnancy is viewed as part of the natural life cycle as a normal healthy event. Being able to empower and support in the transition from being pregnant to becoming a mother is highly rewarding.

Midwives can work independently or as part of the health care team. The four-year midwifery degree course teaches you how to develop your midwifery knowledge and skills so that you can provide care in maternity hospitals, midwife-led units and increasingly through the provision of midwife-led services in the community.

The shift patterns can be very flexible; you can work short or long days, nights or weekends or a combination of all of these.

Midwifery is an internationally recognised profession that offers a rewarding and exciting career at home or abroad.

Once qualified, midwives can diversify and progress their career through continued study at graduate level. This can lead to careers in management, clinical specialist practice, advanced practice, clinical research or teaching at clinical or university level.

Midwifery could be the career you are waiting for!

College courses in Midwifery

Course title	College/University
BSc (Hons) Midwifery	Dundalk Institute of Technology
BSc (Hons) Midwifery	Trinity College Dublin
BSc Midwifery	University College Cork
BSc (Hons) Midwifery	University College Dublin
Bachelor of Midwifery Science	University of Galway
BSc Midwifery	University of Limerick

About the degree

4 years duration

50% theory based in college/university

50% practice placement in healthcare service

Final year internship – paid placement

On successful completion – registration (licence to practise)

Begin work as a Midwife



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