

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Higher Diploma in Midwifery (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Actively fulfil a philosophy of midwifery and a commitment to high standards of professional practice within the scope of midwifery practice and the health care services;
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills about pregnancy and childbirth and the newborn and provide safe and effective antenatal, childbirth and postnatal care for women and their families;
- Conceptualise the process of the childbirth cycle utilising the contribution of biological and social sciences;
- Establish and maintain effective caring and interpersonal relationships with women and articulate and represent the needs of individual women, babies and families while supporting shared decision-making throughout the woman's childbirth experience;
- Effectively coordinate, organise and manage midwifery care on own initiative and in consultation with the multidisciplinary team;
- Proactively effect change in response to women's needs and preferences that will benefit mothers and babies locally, nationally and internationally;
- Promote the concepts and politics of normal birth;
- Critically appraise and evaluate current research evidence and best practice for midwifery and its implications for practice in a variety of settings;
- Facilitate lifelong learning for self and others to enhance competent, flexible and responsive midwifery practice.