

MSC (MIDWIFERY)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The MSc (Midwifery) is a full-time taught programme for midwives running over two years from the date of first registration for the programme.

A number of modules may be offered using a blended learning approach with the majority of the content of these modules delivered in an online mode.

Exit Award: Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery Studies (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

Upon successful completion and passing Year 1 modules to the value of 60 credits students may exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery Studies (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdmws/>).

A student who subsequently wishes to continue progression for the degree of Master must complete the programme within 5 academic years from the date of successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma Examinations, subject to the programme being available.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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Students take **90** credits as follows:

Year 1

Students take **60** credits as follows - all listed core modules (**20** credits) and **40** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

NU6005	Evidence Based Practice for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6070	Clinical Leadership in Practice Enhancement for Nursing and Midwifery	10

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **40** credits from the following:¹ 40

NU6140	Woman Centred Care (10)	
NU6153	Preparation for Birth and Parenthood Facilitation (10)	
NU6167	Maternity Critical Care (10)	
NU6201	Personal and Professional Portfolio (10)	
NU6303	Advancing Practice for Patient Safety (10)	
NU6306	Clinical Leadership for Healthcare Quality Improvement (10)	
NU6310	Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice for Quality Improvement in Healthcare (10)	
NU6312	Contemporary Issues in Healthcare (10)	
NU6313	Digital Healthcare (10)	

Year 2

Students take **30** credits as follows:

Core Modules

MH6014	Advanced Research Methods for Healthcare Professionals	10
NU6151	Dissertation in Midwifery	20
Total Credits		90

¹ **Note:** Not all modules will be offered each year. Alternatively students may take up to a maximum of 10 credits, relevant to the MSc programme with the approval of the School of Nursing and Midwifery and subject to timetabling restraints, in lieu of 10 credits above.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for MSc Midwifery (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Practise with greater insight of the research-base, ethical, socio-political and professional underpinnings of midwifery and health care in Ireland;
- Exercise enhanced personal and professional competence through accountability and autonomy in midwifery practice;
- Demonstrate higher levels of judgement in the practice of midwifery through the generation of midwifery knowledge for innovative, research based midwifery practice;
- Act as innovators and leaders and contribute to practice development in midwifery;
- Demonstrate vision of professional practice that can be developed beyond scope of practice;
- Demonstrate critical inquiry, research evaluation and synthesis skills to the study of a discrete area of professional practice.