The Midwifery BSc at King’s College London offers the opportunity for students who are not registered nurses to study for professional registration as a Midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. The course will equip you with the skills to become a competent midwifery practitioner who is confident in promoting high-quality, evidence-based maternity care to women, babies and families.

We emphasise the distinct role and responsibilities of midwives working within public health and inter-professional teams in maternity services. There are opportunities to explore local, national and international contexts of maternal health and to undertake an elective at the end of Year 3.

Key benefits
• You will be studying at the No.2 nursing faculty in the UK and 5th in the world (2018 QS World University Rankings).
• King’s College London offers exciting opportunities with two world-class Academic Health Science Centres and renowned teaching hospitals providing maternity care.
• Our study courses are delivered by internationally renowned clinicians and academics with a strong focus on promoting evidence-based care and appreciation of translational research.
• Opportunities to take an elective to study in the UK or abroad at the end of year 3
• 99 per cent of our graduates find successful employment.

Course details
During your first year, you will gain insights into the history of the midwifery profession and the foundation of the current statutory framework for midwifery practice. You will cover areas introducing biological and social science perspectives and consolidate a range of basic midwifery skills associated with ‘normality’ in reproductive healthcare.

In your second year, you will continue to develop your understanding of the research process by exploring different methodological approaches to high-quality, evidence-based care. You will evaluate the specific contributions of the midwife within multi-professional teams, particularly in relation to public-health-promotion strategies such as sexual and psychological health. You will learn how to manage a range of emergency situations effectively. You will be encouraged
to reflect on case-studies drawn from clinical practice to develop a reflective approach to care, particularly when reviewing complex midwifery and obstetric situations and common medical disorders encountered in childbearing women.

The emphasis in the final year is to prepare you for entry to the midwifery register and to develop your understanding of decision-making processes in a variety of midwifery and obstetric scenarios. You will consolidate your knowledge of midwifery practice and gain insights into managerial and supervisory dimensions of midwifery and how institutional frameworks can support public safety. In addition, with the assistance of a research supervisor, you will undertake a focused project on a specialised area of interest.

**Teaching**

We use a comprehensive range of teaching and learning methods, each tailored to the current area of study, with simulation playing an increasingly significant role in clinical education. Formal lectures account for only a small proportion of the curriculum. We aim to acknowledge the individuality of all students. Student-centred learning is pivotal to our philosophy, and our teaching methods support and encourage self-development and awareness through reflection on experience. We utilise practitioners, researchers and lecturers to deliver high-quality research-based teaching.

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**Assessment**

The course includes an equal balance of theoretical learning and clinical placements with partner healthcare providers including leading NHS Trusts and private and voluntary organisations. The course is full-time, and you will be working shift patterns similar to that of qualified midwives. A variety of coursework, written and practical exams are used to assess you and your clinical practice learning.

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**Course structure**

Courses are divided into modules. You will normally take modules totalling 120 credits per year.

**Year 1**

**Required modules**

You are required to take the following modules:
- Basis of Midwifery Practice (30 credits)
- Biology Applied to Midwifery Practice (30 credits)
- Medicines Management & the Midwife (30 credits)
- Professional Issues in Midwifery Practice (15 credits)
- Social Sciences & Midwifery Practice (15 credits)

**Optional modules**

There are no optional modules for this course in Year 1.

**Year 2**

**Required modules**

You are required to take the following modules:
- The Dimensions of Midwifery Practice (30 credits)
- Medical Complexities in Childbearing (30 credits)
- Public Health & the Midwife (30 credits)
- Emergencies in Midwifery Practice (15 credits)
- Research Methods (15 credits)

**Optional modules**

There are no optional modules for this course in Year 2.

**Year 3**

**Required modules**

You are required to take the following modules:
- Autonomous Midwifery Practice (30 credits)
- Models of Midwifery Care (30 credits)
- Student Project (30 credits)
- Arts & Humanities in Midwifery Practice (15 credits)
- Global & Political Context of Midwifery Practice (15 credits)

**Optional modules**

There are no optional modules for this course in Year 3.

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

**Location**

The course is primarily taught across four King’s College London campuses. This includes three Thames-side campuses (Waterloo, St Thomas’ and Guy’s) and the Denmark Hill Campus in South London.

**Regulating body**

King’s College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

**Course accreditation**

Registration as a Midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.
**Career prospects**

We are the leading Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care in London, holding an excellent reputation for producing outstanding clinicians and world leaders in specialist areas. Graduates who qualify from our courses also gain professional registration as a registration as a midwife from the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Many of our qualifying midwives go on to further study or gain employment in prominent London NHS Trusts, while others choose to work elsewhere in the UK and abroad. There are varied choices of career destinations from hospitals to community/ independent midwifery, research, teaching and management. Whatever the chosen pathway, our midwifery graduates are well-prepared to face the challenges of a career in midwifery and the complexities of pioneering healthcare.

**Fees and funding**

**Full-time tuition fees – UK**

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

**Full-time tuition fees – EU**

Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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**Full-time tuition fees – International**

The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

All International applicants to undergraduate programmes are required to pay a deposit of £2,000 against their first year’s tuition fee. This deposit is payable when you firmly accept an unconditional offer to study with us, and will be offset against your tuition fees when you join King’s.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

**Additional costs**

The following table gives you an indication of additional costs associated with your course. These costs are not included in your tuition fees.

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<td>Clothing</td>
<td>Students are provided with an initial set of uniforms for the duration of the course. If students require additional uniforms these will have to be purchased. Indicative cost £15 – dress and £30 – new tunic and trouser set.</td>
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<td>Footwear</td>
<td>Students are also required to purchase appropriate footwear for mandatory training and placement. Estimated cost £20-45.</td>
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<td>Disclosure and Barring certificates/clearance</td>
<td>The Faculty will pay for students to undergo one DBS check. Any subsequent checks required will need to be paid for by the student. Estimated cost £50.</td>
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<td>Electives</td>
<td>Subject to eligibility and approval by the Faculty, students are able to arrange their own elective clinical placements either in the UK or overseas. Students are required to make the necessary arrangements for any electives, including costs such as travel, accommodation, visas and additional vaccinations.</td>
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<td>Immunisations/vaccinations</td>
<td>Students will be required to arrange and pay for the necessary vaccinations prior to enrolment. Multiple vaccinations may be required. Indicative cost £30-30 per vaccination.</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>In order that healthcare students can continue to access clinical placements, the Department of Health will commit to providing all new healthcare students a £303 payment as a non-repayable grant. This will not affect healthcare students’ ability to access funding from the standard higher education support system to pay for their essential travel costing over £303. The Government recognises that some healthcare courses require students to attend training at clinical placement providers which are long distances from their university or to spend significant time away from their place of study. These situations result in either greater travel costs or the need to rent extra accommodation. Providing the case for both educational provision and value for money can be demonstrated, any student who finds that they are at a financial disadvantage as a result of their clinical placement will be entitled to re-imbursement of costs associated with secondary accommodation. Further details will be published by the Department of Health in due course.</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Students will be required to pay for missed mandatory training sessions and any missed Occupational Health appointments. Missed theory and practical sessions for mandatory training ranges from £15-£45. Missed OH appointments range from £17 for a general appointment to £122 for a specialist appointment.</td>
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In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- graduation costs
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
- any costs incurred as a result of working in a specific clinical setting where you are not employed.

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