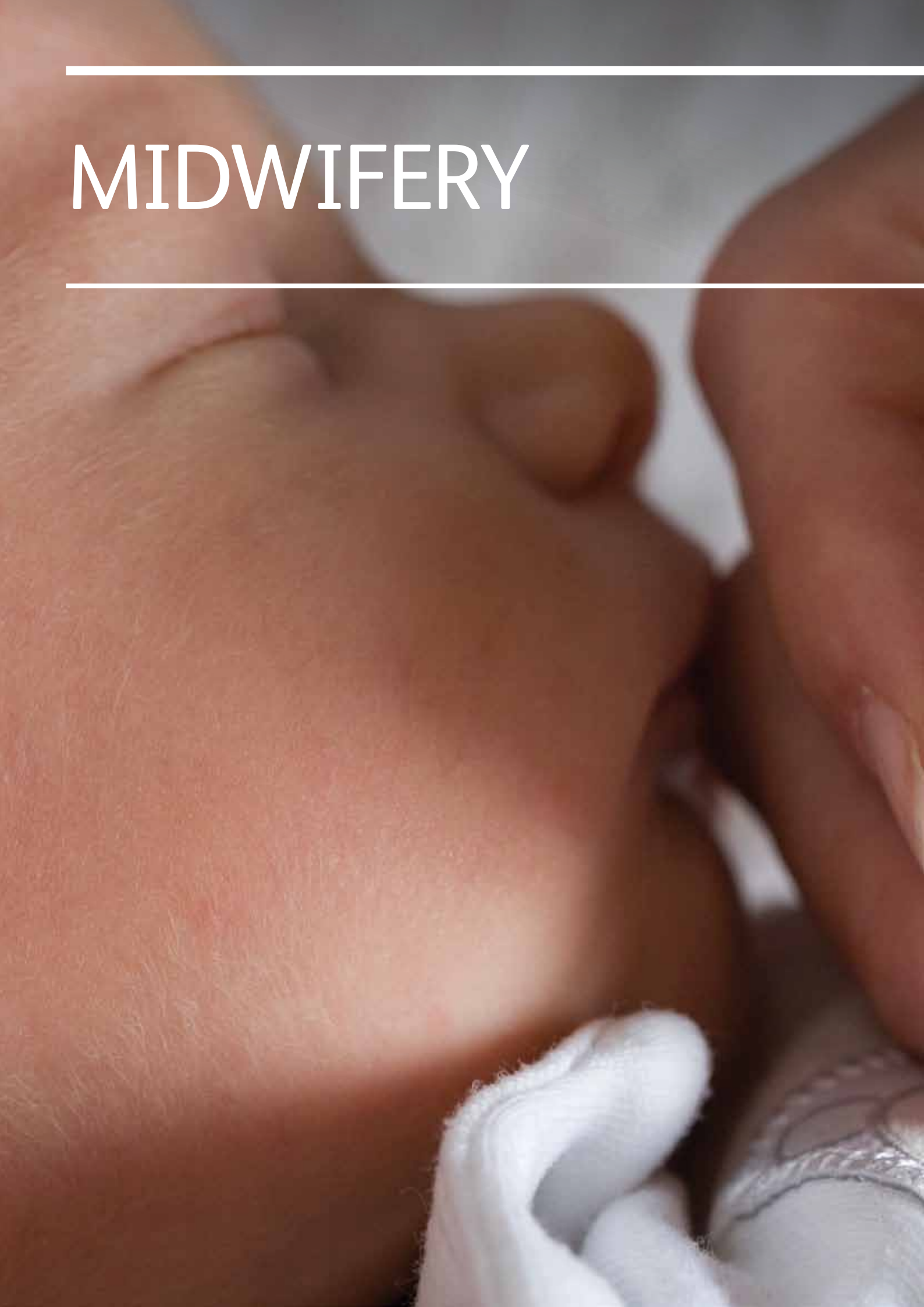


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# MIDWIFERY

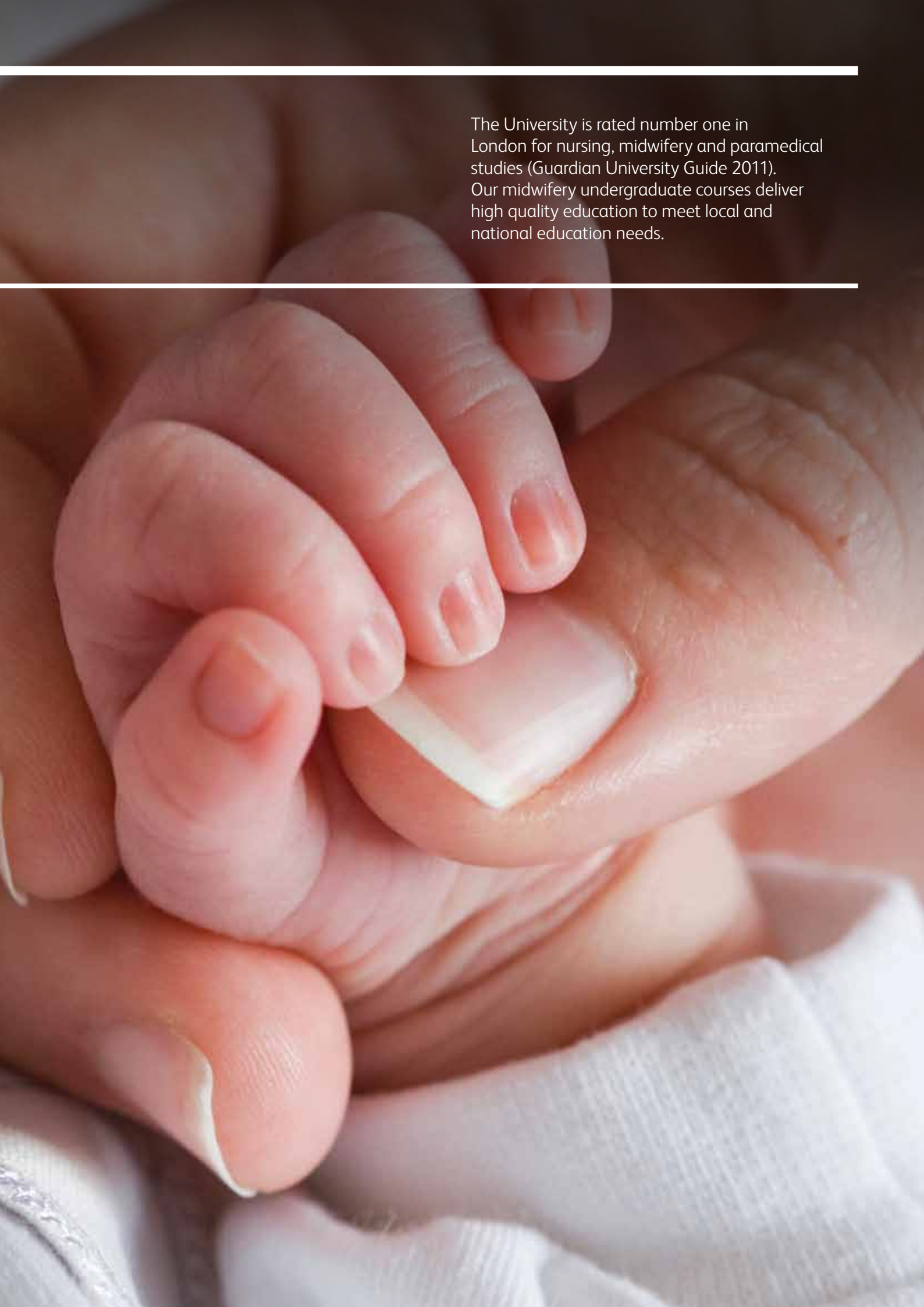
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## CERTIFICATES IN PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPPDs)

- Complementary Therapies Awareness in the Maternity Service
- Examination of the Newborn
- High Dependency Practice for Midwives
- Leading and Managing a Practice-based project
- Postnatal Matters
- Preparation of Supervisors of Midwives
- Promoting Normal Birth
- Return to Midwifery Practice (including Foundations for Contemporary Midwifery Practice)
- Women, Mental Health and Childbearing: Developing Personal Practice.

## MIDWIFERY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code:	B720 BSc/Mid
Duration:	Full-time – Three years
Starting:	February and September
Location:	Brentford and Reading

### ENTRY CRITERIA

260 UCAS tariff points at A level or an equivalent qualification at Level 3. We also require a minimum of five GCSEs (C or above), including English, Maths and Science (or Level 2 equivalent). All applicants who are shortlisted are required to attend an interview and pass the numeracy and literacy test. All candidates must also have a current satisfactory criminal record check (CRB check), an occupational health check and two satisfactory references.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Successful completion of this course will enable students to become a registered midwife and achieve a BSc (Hons) in Midwifery (Pre-registration).

This course seeks to integrate the art and science of midwifery, utilising, where appropriate, related disciplines as a means of developing midwives who are competent and confident to practise in current and future maternity care settings. The course facilitates a partnership of learning between the student, practice and university, which recognises the uniqueness of each individual, including their prior knowledge and experiences. Full attendance at university and practice placements will be required to meet NMC regulations.

### CAREER PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course will enable the student to apply to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a registered midwife.

Employment/practice bases are currently at one of the following:

- St Mary's Hospital, Paddington (part of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust)
- Queen Charlotte's at the Hammersmith Hospital (part of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust)
- North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
- Hillingdon Hospital
- Ealing Hospital
- West Middlesex University Hospital
- Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Berkshire Foundation NHS Trust.

## MIDWIFERY (PRE-REGISTRATION) – SHORTENED

BSc (Hons)

UCAS code:	Direct application
Duration:	Full-time – 18 months
Starting:	September
Location:	Brentford and Reading

### ENTRY CRITERIA

It is compulsory that applicants are registered on the nursing part of the NMC Professional Register (Registered Nurse): only nurses qualified following a course of preparation in adult nursing can be considered. Applicants for whom English is not their first language, who have qualified as nurses in another country, need to have IELTS Level 7.

In addition, students should hold a degree or diploma from a British university. If applicants do not hold a degree or diploma from a British university, they will be required to submit a 1,000 word essay, in their own handwriting, reflecting on the role of the midwife and experiences that demonstrate their ability to join this course. This essay should demonstrate the student's potential to study at higher levels and should be referenced using the Harvard system.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course seeks to integrate the art and science of midwifery, utilising related disciplines as a means of developing midwives who are competent and confident to practise in any maternity care setting. The course facilitates a partnership of learning between the student, practice and University, to recognise the uniqueness of each individual, and their prior knowledge and experiences. Full attendance at the University and practice placements will be required to meet NMC regulations.

Students will be employed by a chosen NHS Trust where they will have their practice placements. Currently, students are paid at band 5 level but this is subject to change. Fifty percent of their time will be practice-based. Students will attend the University for the remaining fifty percent of their time.

### CAREER PROGRESSION

Successful completion of this course will enable students to apply to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a registered midwife.

Employment/practice bases are currently at one of the following:

- St Mary's Hospital, Paddington (part of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust)
- Queen Charlotte's at the Hammersmith Hospital (part of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust)
- North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
- Hillingdon Hospital
- Ealing Hospital
- West Middlesex University Hospital
- Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Royal Berkshire Foundation NHS Trust.

## MIDWIFERY PRACTICE

BSc (Hons)

DipHE

UCAS code:	Direct application
Duration:	Part-time – Two to five years Supported Distance Learning – Two to five years
Starting:	February and September
Location:	Brentford and Reading

### ENTRY CRITERIA

Students on this course will be practising midwives registered on the midwifery part of the NMC professional register. Students with a relevant DipHE (or equivalent) may be able to proceed straight to Level 6 study, and those without a diploma may fast-track on to the degree pathway by completing a compulsory module at Level 5 and an extended CV whilst demonstrating achievement of the Level 5 course outcomes. The point at which the course is entered will be individually assessed by the course leader. Students with previous study at Levels 5 or 6 or evidence of prior learning through work (demonstrated by a portfolio) will be offered the opportunity to be considered for advanced standing and/or AP(E)L.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The course aims to develop midwives to graduate level, with a range of competencies and skills to enhance their practice in partnership with women and their families.

The flexible pathway, using both taught and supported distance learning teaching and learning methods, is open to qualified midwives and includes a range of core modules, shared with other courses, compulsory and optional modules. Midwifery modules include aspects of normal and high-risk childbirth, legal and ethical issues, examination of the newborn, and leading and influencing practice within the new public health agenda.

Students can also choose from related areas of wider study (eg public health, management, and sexual health). The course is made up of four 20 credit modules and one 40 credit module; three of these are compulsory and two are optional modules.

### FURTHER STUDY

Midwives who have completed the BSc (Hons) Midwifery Practice can progress to study at Masters level or to study appropriate Continuing Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) courses.

### CAREER PROGRESSION

This course enables students to enhance their confidence and competence in a variety of primary care, community and acute settings. Students will have developed crucial skills in communicating confidently and in working collaboratively with other professionals and agencies.

