

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY*



If you are passionate about helping people and want a rewarding career providing high-quality maternity care, Victoria University of Wellington's Bachelor of Midwifery* (BMid) is the right choice for you.

The BMid provides you with the breadth of knowledge and clinical experience required for successful practice in the complex environment of today's registered midwives.

The BMid is a comprehensive 480-point degree that you will complete over four years of study. Successful completion of the degree and the national midwifery examination will enable you to practise within the Midwifery Scope of Practice**.

Victoria University of Wellington's BMid is a research-informed programme that draws on both the midwifery expertise within the School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Practice and the broader academic strengths of the Faculty of Health and wider university. Courses will include lectures, labs, group work in a simulation environment, and clinical learning experiences.

In the first year, you'll complete foundation courses in biology, biomedical science, chemistry, education, health, and two introductory midwifery practice courses. The remaining courses focus on midwifery theory and midwifery practice.

*Subject to regulatory approval.

**Go to www.midwiferycouncil.health.nz for more information on the national midwifery examination and scope of practice.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS DEGREE

www.victoria.ac.nz/bmid

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Faculty of Health is offering Bachelor of Midwifery Inaugural Scholarships that will be awarded at a value of up to \$5,000, with a minimum scholarship of \$1,000.

These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and other criteria.

www.victoria.ac.nz/scholarships

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the BMid programme will be positioned to take their place in the healthcare workforce as registered midwives, either employed by hospitals or other maternity care providers, or self-employed. Graduates may also be eligible to enter postgraduate midwifery programmes and undertake research.

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POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the BMid who are registered health professionals can continue to study midwifery at a postgraduate level. The Faculty of Health offers midwifery as part of a Postgraduate Diploma in Health or a Master of Health. Graduates who are professionally registered with the Nursing Council of New Zealand can also pursue a Master of Health Research or a Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Four years of full-time study.

A total of 480 points is required:

- at least 340 points shall be for courses numbered 200–399 and at least 240 points shall be for courses numbered 300–399 selected from the BMid schedule
- the BMid must include MIDW 101, 102, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311; BIOL 111, 114, 243; BMSC 117; CHEM 113; EDUC 141; HLWB 105.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain entry to the BMid, you will need to achieve a minimum of 18 credits at NCEA Level 3 in Biology and/or Chemistry and a minimum of 16 credits at Level 3 in Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, or Media Studies. If you haven't studied either Biology or Chemistry to Level 3, a minimum of 16 credits will be required in the subject at Level 2.

If you do not have Level 3 qualifications you may be admitted on successful completion of a Level 4 bridging programme for health-related degrees, or on demonstrated ability to study at degree level, such as graduate status.

You will also need to meet set criteria, including having supportive referees, making declarations about any criminal convictions or health and disability issues, and successfully taking part in a selection meeting. Places in this qualification will be offered on the basis of the applicant's academic merit and personal attributes.

Other important information

Before you can participate in the required clinical learning experiences for the BMid, you must also provide a current comprehensive First Aid Certificate, proof of immunisation, and proof of a full driving licence.

BMID COURSES

Course code	Course title
MIDW 101*	Midwifery Practice 1: Becoming a Midwife
MIDW 102*	Midwifery Practice 2: Preparation for Practice
BIOL 111	Cell Biology
BIOL 114	Biology of Animals
BMSC 117	Biology of Disease
CHEM 113	Concepts of Chemistry
EDUC 141	Human Development and Learning
HLWB 105	Introduction to Health Psychology
MIDW 201*	Professional Frameworks for Midwifery Practice
MIDW 202*	Midwifery Practice 3: Care of the Newborn
MIDW 203*	Transition to Parenthood
MIDW 204*	Anatomy and Physiology: Pregnancy and Childbirth
MIDW 205*	Midwifery Practice 4: Supporting Women
BIOL 243	Physiology and Pharmacology
MIDW 301*	Midwifery Practice 5: Women with Complex Pregnancies
MIDW 302*	Midwifery as a Public Health Strategy
MIDW 303*	Women's Health
MIDW 304*	Research and Enquiry in Midwifery
MIDW 305*	Complexities in Pregnancy and Childbirth
MIDW 306*	Midwifery Practice 6: Art and Science of Midwifery
MIDW 307*	Applied Pharmacology and Physiology for Midwives
MIDW 308*	Being a Midwife
MIDW 309*	Midwifery Practice 7: Complex Labour and Birth
MIDW 310*	Midwifery Practice 8: Transition to Practice
MIDW 311*	Midwifery Practice 9: Practice Project

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DEGREE PLAN

Year 1	
Trimester 1	Trimester 2
MIDW 101 Midwifery Practice 1: Becoming a Midwife*	MIDW 102 Midwifery Practice 2: Preparation for Practice*
BIOL 114 Biology of Animals	BIOL 111 Cell Biology
CHEM 113 Concepts of Chemistry	BMSC 117 Biology of Disease
EDUC 141 Human Development and Learning	HLWB 105 Introduction to Health Psychology

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
MIDW 201 Professional Frameworks for Midwifery Practice	MIDW 301 Midwifery Practice 5: Women with Complex Pregnancies*	MIDW 307 Applied Pharmacology and Physiology for Midwives*
MIDW 202 Midwifery Practice 3: Care of the Newborn*	MIDW 302 Midwifery as a Public Health Strategy*	MIDW 308 Being a Midwife*
MIDW 203 Transition to Parenthood*	MIDW 303 Women's Health*	MIDW 309 Midwifery Practice 7: Complex Labour and Birth*
MIDW 204 Anatomy and Physiology: Pregnancy and Childbirth	MIDW 304 Research and Enquiry in Midwifery*	MIDW 310 Midwifery Practice 8: Transition to Practice*
MIDW 205 Midwifery Practice 4: Supporting Women*	MIDW 305 Complexities in Pregnancy And Childbirth*	MIDW 311 Midwifery Practice 9: Practice Project*
BIOL 243 Physiology and Pharmacology	MIDW 306 Midwifery Practice 6: Art and Science of Midwifery*	

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ROBYN MAUDE

Senior lecturer in Midwifery

“Underpinning my teaching philosophy is the belief that every person has a fundamental right to learn.”

Completing her training as a nurse in 1971 and as a midwife in 1975, Dr Robyn Maude has diverse experience as a midwife in Australia and New Zealand, including work in remote rural settings, hospital-based practice, professional leadership, midwifery education, and community-based maternity care.

Robyn has taken a lead role in developing the Bachelor of Midwifery programme that is starting in 2020, subject to regulatory approval. This is an exciting and ambitious programme that will play a key role in replenishing the midwifery workforce in Wellington and neighbouring regions. The Bachelor of Midwifery will deliver a fresh-look midwifery programme to support graduates in confidently navigating the increasingly complex health and social care system through effective woman-centred care.

