

Bachelor of Midwifery

(Level 7)

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Level:	7	Credits:	480
Owner:	Centre for Health & Social Practice	Effective Date:	January 2025

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations.

1. Admission and Entry

To be admitted to this programme, applicants must have:

University Entrance as defined by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).

In addition, Midwifery Council also requires that applicants have NCEA level 3 consisting of:

- 60 credits at level 3 or higher including:
 - a minimum of 18 credits in biology, chemistry or physics
 - a minimum of 16 credits in an English language rich subject (such as English, history, art history, classics, geography or economics, media studies)
 - a further 16 credits at level 3 or higher in two approved subjects or domains on the National Qualifications Framework
- 20 credits at level 2, including:
 - a minimum of 16 credits in biology
 - and a further 16 credits in chemistry or physics
 - 16 credits in another level 2 subject

For examinations other than NCEA (e.g. International Baccalaureate, Cambridge Examination), applications will be assessed for academic entry equivalency.

OR

Successfully completed a relevant foundation or bridging qualification at level 4 or above.

OR

A recognised equivalent.

Special and Discretionary admission

Special admission is available for this degree. Applicants who are over 20 years must have evidence of academic equivalence of the above (academic admission); or demonstrated evidence of ability to study successfully at degree level, as required by Midwifery Council.

Discretionary admission is not available for this degree. Applicants who are under 20 years must meet the academic admission criteria as listed above, as required by Midwifery Council.

Programme specific admission

In addition, applicants must also meet the following programme specific requirements:

Prior to enrolment (at time of application):

- A self-declaration, providing information regarding:

- criminal convictions.

Applicants are required to indicate whether they have been convicted of, or have been prosecuted for, a criminal offence. Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 some types of criminal conviction may result in the Midwifery Council refusing to register a person as a midwife.

- mental and physical conditions.

Applicants are required to indicate if they have had any mental and/or physical conditions, to demonstrate that they are fit for practice as a midwife. Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 some types of physical or mental conditions may result in the Midwifery Council being unable to register a person as a midwife. A medical report may also be requested, where evidence of good health is required, as per Midwifery Council requirements.

- Personal statement, which demonstrates communication skills and self-responsibility in relation to their learning and practice, as required by Midwifery Council.

- an indication of whether they hold a driver's license, and if not whether they have access to reliable transport.

This programme has travel requirements associated with clinical placement; it is therefore recommended that applicants have a driver's license to support them with meeting the programme clinical placement requirements.

- At least two written references.

The reference is required to demonstrate the applicant has good character and that the applicant is sufficient for safe and effective practice as a midwife, as required by the Children's Act 2014.

Referees will ideally be provided by an academic in a leadership or tutorial position/teacher/lecturer, and an employment/professional/volunteer-based referee. Referees may not be a family member, partner or flatmate.

- Registered health practitioners from other disciplines who seek Recognition of Prior Knowledge and Skills (RPKS) on the basis of their health professional qualification and practice experience must hold registration with the relevant regulatory authority in New Zealand and provide a Certificate of Good Standing from that authority.
- Provide evidence of achieved First Aid Certificate covering relevant NZQA standards or skills standards (e.g. 6401 and 6402).

Once ākongā are accepted onto the programme they are required to:

- Complete a safety check.

The safety check will be required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Children's Act 2014. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Reference checks,
- Police check,
- A risk assessment.

Unsatisfactory results arising from the full safety checking process may result in the ākongā being declined entry or withdrawn from the programme of study.

During the programme (after commencement of study):

- Ākongā are required to:
 - Declare any pending or new convictions arising during any stage throughout the entire enrolment period of the programme. A conviction or failure to declare a conviction may result in the ākongā being immediately withdrawn from the programme.
- Ākongā will be required to:
 - Provide evidence of immunisation status to secure clinical practice experiences, which may be required by clinical placement providers.

Language requirements

As per Midwifery Council, applicants for whom English is a second language must complete an assessment of their English language and pass at the required standard. This is not applicable for applicants where any of the Aotearoa official languages are their first language. This can be achieved through completion of either:

- a. the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (academic version) with an overall score of 7 and not less than 6.5 in writing and comprehension and not less than 7.0 in speaking and listening; or
- b. an OET test with passes at A or B level (350 or above) in the four areas

Evidence of successful completion must be provided at time of application to the programme.

Applicants must contact the Midwifery Council if they wish to apply for an exception.

2. Transfer of Credit

The provisions and procedures for recognising prior knowledge and skills through cross credit, credit transfer and recognition of prior learning in this programme are set out in Te Kawa Maiooro | Educational Regulatory Framework.

In addition, the Midwifery Council require that for this programme the following specific requirements apply:

- Ākonga with previous midwifery or similar qualifications will be able to apply for relevant credits from other approved programmes to be considered for Credit Recognition and Transfer (CRT) (Credit Transfer, Cross Credit, Recognition of Prior Learning, and Advanced Standing) according to the Midwifery Council Standards for Approval of Pre-Registration Midwifery Education Programmes & Accreditation of Tertiary Education Organisations (Standard nine - Transfer between approved tertiary education organisations).
- Ākonga must apply for Recognition of Prior Knowledge and Skills (RPKS) at the time the ākonga is accepted into the programme or is eligible to enter the relevant course.
- The maximum transfer of credit which may be granted without prior approval from the Midwifery Council towards this programme is 75 credits (equivalent to 750 hours). The RPKS is to be submitted to the Midwifery Council for approval within two months of the ākonga entering the programme. The submission must be accompanied with details of the credits granted and the supporting evidence.
- No more than 200 practice hours may be credited without prior approval of the Midwifery Council.

3. Credit recognition for HPRO5406: Introduction to Te Ao Māori

Ākonga with lived experience of Te Ao Māori will be able apply for RPKS and asked to provide a description (with evidence where relevant) of how they believe they meet the requirements. The information provided will be mapped against the course learning outcomes and content by the programme manager. To address any knowledge or skill gaps identified during the assessment process, ākonga will be given a completion pathway that outlines what is needed to do to fill the gaps.

Applications will be assessed and processed by Business Divisions. A programme credit recognition register will be maintained by the National Programme Committee.

4. Programme Requirements

- 3.1 Every candidate for the Bachelor of Midwifery shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than four years.

3.2 Each candidate's programme will comprise all modules as listed in Section 6 of these regulations, totaling a minimum of 480 credits.

5. Completion of the Programme

4.1 A candidate may take up to six years to complete this programme, unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Group Director, or designated equivalent.

6. Award of the Qualification

5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of this programme will be eligible for the award of the Bachelor of Midwifery.

7. Schedule of Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites
Level 5 compulsory courses				
HPRO5401	Professional Communication	5	15	
HPRO5402	Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Midwifery Practice	5	15	
HPRO5403	Introduction to Midwifery Skills	5	15	
HPRO5404	Partnership Practice Experience	5	15	
HPRO5405	Human Anatomy and Physiology Foundations	5	15	
HPRO5406	Introduction to Te Ao Māori	5	15	
HPRO5407	Midwifery and Sustainability	5	15	HPRO5401 HPRO5403
HPRO5408	Midwifery Ways of Knowing 1	5	15	
HPRO5409	Midwifery Practice: Midwifery Skills	5	15	HPRO5401 HPRO5403
HPRO5410	Hauora Māori	5	15	HPRO5402 HPRO5406
Level 6 compulsory courses				
HPRO6401	Pregnancy, Birth and Bioscience	6	15	HPRO5403 HPRO5404 HPRO5405
HPRO6402	Well Baby, Breastfeeding and Newborn Nutrition	6	15	HPRO5403 HPRO5404 HPRO5405
HPRO6403	Midwifery Practice: Pregnancy and Birth	6	30	HPRO5403 HPRO5404 HPRO5405 HPRO5409
HPRO6404	Pharmacology and Prescribing for Midwifery Practice	6	15	HPRO5403 HPRO5405
HPRO6405	Midwifery Ways of Knowing 2	6	15	HPRO5402 HPRO5403 HPRO5404 HPRO5406

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HPRO6406	Midwifery Practice: Complex Practice – Pre-existing Conditions	6	30	HPRO6401 HPRO6402 HPRO6403
HPRO6407	Midwifery Practice: Complex Practice – Complications	6	30	HPRO6401 HPRO6402 HPRO6403
HPRO6408	Unwell Baby	6	15	HPRO6402
Level 7 compulsory courses				
HPRO7401	Midwifery Practice: Complex Practice – Community	7	15	HPRO6406 HPRO6407
HPRO7402	Cultural Safety and Women’s Health in Aotearoa New Zealand	7	15	HPRO6405
HPRO7403	Midwifery Ways of Knowing 3	7	15	HPRO6405
HPRO7404	Sustainable Practice in Midwifery	7	15	HPRO5407 HPRO7401 HPRO7402 HPRO7403
HPRO7405	Midwifery Practice: Evidence-based Practice	7	30	HPRO7401 HPRO7402 HPRO7403
HPRO7406	Midwifery Practice: Continuity of Care	7	45	HPRO7401 HPRO7402 HPRO7403
HPRO7407	Midwifery Practice: Core Practice	7	15	HPRO7401 HPRO7402 HPRO7403
HPRO7408	Midwifery Practice: Rural Practice	7	15	HPRO7401 HPRO7402 HPRO7403