

Programme Regulations for:

Bachelor of Midwifery

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Level:	7	Credits:	480
Owner:	Centre for Health and Social Practice	Effective Date:	January 2026

*These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations **and** the current Midwifery Council of New Zealand for pre-registration midwifery education programme.*

1. Admission and Entry

1.1. General Academic Admission

- a) Candidates must have gained University Entrance, including:
 - i. a minimum of 18 credits at NCEA Level 3 in either Biology, or Chemistry or Physics; **and**
 - ii. a minimum of 16 credits at NCEA Level 3 in an English language-rich subject (such as English, History, History of Art, Classical Studies, Geography, Economics, Religious Studies, or Media Studies); **and**
 - iii. a further 16 credits at NCEA Level 3 in an additional [approved subject](#)^(Q&A)
- b) Candidates aged under 20 years must meet the general academic admission criteria as detailed above. Provisional entry will not be considered for this programme.
- c) Candidates who have studied on a Midwifery Degree programme at another institution will need to meet the Bachelor of Midwifery programme entry requirements or equivalent. Candidates will only be accepted for **year 1, year 2 or year 3** into the programme. They will also need evidence of a B grade average (i.e. above a B minus average) and a letter of recommendation from the Head of Midwifery of the previous programme, before they will be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Midwifery programme.
- d) Candidates who have completed an approved foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme in Health at Level 4, with 65% or higher in four subjects (one module must be science) will be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Midwifery programme.

1.2. Special Admission

- a) Domestic candidates aged 20 years or above who have not met the General Admission or entry requirements for a programme but whose skills, education or work experience

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indicate that they have a reasonable chance of success¹ may be eligible for Special Admission. Special Admission will be granted at the discretion of the Head of Midwifery/Centre Director or designated nominee. Such candidates may be required to successfully complete a foundation, bridging or tertiary introductory programme as a condition of entry into higher level programmes.

Candidates will be required to produce:

- i. Evidence of academic equivalence of the above qualifications, or
- ii. Evidence of ability to study successfully at degree level.

1.3. Selection Criteria

a) Candidates will be required to complete:

- i. Self-declaration of criminal convictions, and
- ii. Self-declaration of mental and physical condition, and provide
- iii. One written reference

They may also be required to provide additional information and/or attend an interview/hui in order for their application to be assessed.

b) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have been convicted of, or have been prosecuted for, a criminal offence. Candidates should be aware that, under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act (2003)), some types of criminal conviction may result in the Midwifery Council of New Zealand refusing to allow a person to register as a Midwife. Similarly, some types of criminal conviction may result in difficulty to obtain a clinical practice placement and therefore meet the requirements to pass the programme.

c) Candidates are required in their application to indicate whether they have had a mental and/or physical condition that may prevent them entering the Bachelor of Midwifery programme. Candidates are required under the HPCA Act (2003) to demonstrate that they are fit for registration as they progress through the programme. Candidates should be aware that, under the HPCA Act (2003), some types of convictions, physical or mental conditions, or professional or academic misconduct, may result in the Midwifery Council of New Zealand being unable to register a person as a Midwife.

d) Candidates are required to indicate in their application whether they hold a full driver's license and if not, how they will meet the travel requirements associated with the on call nature of clinical placements.

1.4. Safety Check Requirements

In order to comply with the provisions of the Children's Protection Act, 2014 and Child Protection Policies for all '*specified organisations*' providing a '*regulated service*', all

¹ [Education Act 1989 Section 224 \(3\)](#)

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candidates/students will be subjected to safety checks. These will include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Referee Checks
- (2) A Police Vet Check
- (3) A Risk Assessment.

Applicants may also be required to attend an interview.

Any unsatisfactory result arising from the full safety checking process may result in the candidate/student being precluded/declined entry or withdrawn from the programme of study. Furthermore, students must declare any pending or new convictions arising during any stage throughout the entire enrolment period. A conviction or failure to declare a conviction may also result in the student being immediately withdrawn from the programme. Persons who are convicted of '*specified offences*' will not be accepted onto any programme that requires that person to work in an organisation providing a regulated service.

1.5. Clinical Practice Requirements

- a) Before undertaking clinical practice within the programme, candidates will be required to provide a signed Medical Certificate and immunisation status and/or evidence of vaccination from their health practitioner or designated registered health professional.
- b) Candidates must hold a current Comprehensive (or full) First Aid Certificate covering NZQA Units 6400, 6401 and 6402 prior to undertaking any clinical practice module in the programme.
- c) For registered health professionals entering the programme, a current Annual Practising Certificate (APC) covers the First Aid Certificate requirements listed in b).
- d) Candidates must meet all the clinical passport requirements on Moodle to be able to commence clinical practice placements.

1.6. English Language Requirements

- a) Candidates who have English as an additional language are required to achieve in the International English Language Test System (IELTS) (academic version) with an overall score of 7.0 with not less than 6.5 in writing and comprehension; and not less than 7.0 in speaking and listening. A pass in the Occupational English Test (OET) is either A or B in each section. These scores must be achieved in one sitting of the IELTS or OET test.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1. A candidate with previous midwifery or similar qualifications will be able to apply for Transfer of Credit (TOC) to determine their programme of study. Formal and Informal Transfer of Credit

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is available for this programme and will be considered on a case by case basis. The proposed programme of study must be submitted to the MCNZ for approval within one month of approval.

- 2.2. Registered health practitioners from other disciplines who seek Formal and/or Informal Transfer of Credit (Recognition of Prior Learning) 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.
- 2.3. The maximum transfer of credit which may be granted without prior approval from the Midwifery Council of New Zealand towards this programme is 75 credits.
- 2.4. No more than 200 practice hours may be credited without prior approval from the Midwifery Council of New Zealand.
- 2.5. Transfer of credit information for candidates from other midwifery institutions is found under point 1.1.c

3. 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 of study shall comprise compulsory modules totaling 480 credits as specified in Section 6 of these regulations.
- 3.3. In each of years one two and three, students may re-enrol once in no more than two modules
- 3.4. Students can only re-enrol once in a fourth year module, and then only in extenuating circumstances.

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1 Time-limits for completion of the Bachelor of Midwifery programme are as follows:
 - a) A candidate will normally complete the Bachelor of Midwifery within a minimum of four years and no more than five years, unless an extension is granted by special permission by the Head of Midwifery or designated nominee (following successful application to Midwifery Council New Zealand).
 - b) Candidates who take more than 6 months leave from the programme must undertake a formal practical assessment and a theory assessment before re-joining the programme. The cost of the assessment will be met by the candidate. This assessment must provide evidence that the candidate has retained the appropriate level of knowledge and skill to re-enter the programme at the same stage.

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5. Transition Arrangements

5.1 Principles

These principles underpin the application of the transition regulations

- Transition arrangements will seek to minimise any disadvantage to students;
- The learning outcomes will be used as a guide for developing transition arrangements;
- Individual student transition arrangements will maintain the academic integrity of the qualification and ensure that students who graduate meet the learning outcomes and graduate profile;

5.2 Transition

5.2.1. The Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid) currently delivered as '3 calendar years' (3yr) will not be offered after 5th February 2021, and students must complete the 3 yr programme by 10th February 2023.

5.2.2. Students enrolled fulltime in the BMid (3yr) as of 2020; can continue to complete the BMid (3yr).

5.2.3. Alternatively, where students can meet Midwifery Council New Zealand time-limits for completion, students can transition to the new BMid programme delivered as '4 calendar years (4yr), An individual transition arrangement will be negotiated, documented and approved by the Team Manager.

5.2.4. Students enrolled part-time as of 2020 can continue to complete the BMid (3yr), except where it is identified that they will not complete before 10th February 2023.

5.2.5. An individual transition arrangement will be negotiated, documented and approved by the Team Manager for each active part-time student who will not complete before 10th February 2023. For the purposes of these transition arrangements, an active student is defined as a student who has enrolled in a BMidwifery module in 2020.

Transition from '3yr' to '4yr' Delivery				
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BMid (3yr) Yr 1	BMid (4yr) Yr 1	BMid (4yr) Yr 1	BMid (4yr) Yr 1	BMid (4yr) Yr 1
BMid (3yr) Yr 2	BMid (3yr) Yr 2	BMid (4yr) Yr 2	BMid (4yr) Yr 2	BMid (4yr) Yr 2
BMid (3yr) Yr 3	BMid (3yr) Yr 3	BMid (3yr) Yr 3	BMid (4yr) Yr 3	BMid (4yr) Yr 3
				BMid (4yr) Yr 4

6. Award of the Qualification

6.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements as specified in section 3 of these regulations will be awarded the Bachelor of Midwifery.

6.2 Candidates for the Bachelor of Midwifery should note that successful completion of the degree alone is not sufficient for registration. Candidates who have completed the degree successfully, will be required to, on the first available occasion, sit the Midwifery Council of New Zealand's National Examination for entry to the Register of Midwives.

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7. Schedule of Modules

Note: no value in the pre-requisite columns means there are no pre-requisites for that module.

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Level 5 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites
HSMW511	Introduction to Midwifery Knowledge and Practice	5	15	
HSMW512	Professional and Therapeutic Interaction in Midwifery	5	15	
HSMW513	Constructions of Knowledge	5	15	
HSMW514	Human Anatomy and Physiology A	5	15	
HSMW521	Developing Midwifery Practice	5	15	HSMW511, HSMW512, HSMW513, HSMW514
HSMW522	Pregnancy and Birth A	5	15	HSMW511, HSMW512, HSMW513, HSMW514
HSMW523	Te Whare Kōhanga – Bicultural Frameworks for Midwifery	5	15	HSMW512 HSMW513
HSMW524	Human Anatomy and Physiology B	5	15	HSMW514
HSMW531	Mother and Baby Dyad	5	30	HSMW521, HSMW522, HSMW523, HSMW524
HSMW532	The Childbearing Year and Midwifery Practice	5	15	HSMW521, HSMW522, HSMW523, HSMW524

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Level 6 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites
HSMW633	Pregnancy and Birth B	6	15	HSMW522
HSMW641	Continuity in Midwifery Practice	6	30	HSMW531, HSMW532, HSMW633

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HSMW642	Women's Health Assessment	6	15	HSMW531, HSMW532, HSMW633
HSMW643	Women's Health and Midwifery Practice	6	15	HSMW531, HSMW532, HSMW633
HSMW651	Complications and Conditions	6	30	HSMW633, HSMW642
HSMW652	Complications and Conditions in Midwifery Practice (Combining HSMW623 Complications and Conditions in Midwifery Practice A 15cr and Complications and Conditions in Midwifery Practice B 15cr)	6	30	HSMW641, HSMW643
HSMW661	Pharmacology for Midwifery	6	15	HSMW524

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Level 7 Modules

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites
HSMW761	Complexity, Diversity and Frameworks for Midwifery	7	15	HSMW651, HSMW652
HSMW762	Complexity and Diversity in Midwifery Practice	7	30	HSMW651, HSMW652
HSMW771	Integrating Midwifery Practice	7	60	HSMW761, HSMW762
HSMW781	Rangahau and Research Methods for Midwifery	7	15	
HSMW782	Transition to Practice	7	30	HSMW771,
HSMW783	Elective Practicum	7	15	HSMW771