



# HOW TO BECOME A MIDWIFE!

All you need is 5 x GCSEs at Levels 9-4 / A-C, including Maths, English and Science

## TIME TO MAKE YOUR CHOICE:

### University Route

Course name to search on UCAS: Midwifery

You'll need 2-3 A Levels OR Access to HE Diploma OR BTEC in Health and Social Care

IMPORTANT: check your university entry requirements ASAP, they vary a LOT!

#### Course you can choose from:

Foundation and bachelor's degree: 4 year full-time course with a foundation degree in Health Professions

Bachelor's degree: 3 year full-time course

Both give you either a BSc or BMid

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?** A BSc will let you do a Masters afterwards and get a job outside of Midwifery. BMid is for those of you who only ever want to be a midwife.

**TOP TIP:** check your course is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), makes your life a lot easier!

**You then register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council**

**You can now apply for Midwifery jobs**  
See [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk) and search Midwife  
**Salaries starts from £21k and move up to £48k with experience and leadership**

### Apprenticeship Route

This is an "earn while you learn" role!

You can either do an intermediate (equivalent to 5 GCSEs) or advanced level (equivalent to 2 A Levels) apprenticeship

Choose an apprenticeship in Healthcare, Health and Social Care, Maternity Care or Nursing

Apprenticeships take between 1 and 4 years to complete

Apprenticeships are advertised on: [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk) or <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

**What will I earn as an apprentice?** 16 – 18 or 19+ you will earn AT LEAST minimum wage for an apprentice (£3.50), otherwise you will be on national minimum wage

Positions are advertised all the way through the year so keep your eyes out!

Once you've finished your apprenticeship you'll often be offered a permanent job (woohoo!)

You can then negotiate secondment from your employer to complete the pre-registration programme

Pre-registration programmes takes 5-6 years part-time (working at the same time) with an associated university

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### Cadet Scheme

These schemes are a mix of hands-on and classroom learning

Cadet schemes are advertised locally (not nationally) by hospitals trusts, so check your area!

Run in association with a Further Education College: 2 days at college and 3 days in your hospital

Lengths vary between 12-18 months

You'll receive a training allowance of about £100 per week to cover your costs

You'll be employed by the hospital as a staff member, expect to work a 37.5 hour week

This is a rotating work placement programme, you'll get to experience lots of different areas within your training area

**WHICH CADET SCHEME?** Go for one that is focused on nursing or social care

**N.B.** cadet schemes are slowly being replaced by apprenticeships, they aren't offered everywhere

Once you've completed your cadet scheme you'll then be able to go down the University Route

**What else can I do?** Following training as a midwife you could become a consultant midwife or clinical specialist in an area such as: antenatal screening, breast feeding, home births and labour ward supervision.

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