

Department of Nursing

Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery

Course Code: E9MW1Q



2022 Enrolment Now Open For Applications

Closing Date For Applications: Monday, 31 January 2022
Course Commencement Date: Monday, 14 February 2022

FACULTY OF
HEALTH SCIENCES

Developing the Midwifery Profession for Ethical, Legal and Professional Deliveries

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery is specifically designed to:

- Strengthen and deepen students' knowledge and skills in Midwifery.
- Develop the student's skills based on current thinking, practice, and research methods in the field of midwifery.
- Empower students with high level of theoretical engagement and intellectual independence to acquire the ability to relate knowledge to a range of contexts, to undertake professional and highly skilled work in midwifery. This includes provision of promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services to individuals, families, groups, and communities in midwifery settings.

COURSE ENQUIRIES

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply Online:

www.uj.ac.za/admissions-aid

RPL Processes Applicable to Prospective Students:

<https://bit.ly/UJRPLApp>

Site of Delivery

Doornfontein Campus,
University of Johannesburg

Duration

Part-time: 2 years

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

- A Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (R.174), alternatively:
- A Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (R.425),
- A Diploma in Nursing: General Nurse (R.171) with Advanced Diploma in Midwifery (R.1497).
- A minimum two (2) years' experience (inclusive of community service), after registration by the South African Nursing Council (SANC) as a Professional Nurse or General Nurse and Midwife.
- The two (2) years' experience as a professional nurse must be in the field of Midwifery.
- Proof of registration with the SANC as a Professional Nurse or General Nurse and Midwife.
- Proof of Employment detailing midwifery clinical experience in years.
- Approval from Nursing Service Manager (NSM) to register for the programme and rotate through the midwifery units.
- The prospective student should remain employed at the institution where the permission has been granted by the NSM for the duration of training.

PROGRAMME SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Signed agreement from Nursing Service Manager (NSM) and/or preceptor to assist with the practical component.
- Signed NSM agreement to move candidate to a clinical training facility approved and accredited by SANC for University of Johannesburg (UJ).
- Minimum two (2) years midwifery clinical experience.
- Professional Indemnity.
- Letter of Permission from the clinical preceptor pledging the clinical academic support.

FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery allows for:**
- Registration as a Midwife Specialist with the South African Nursing Council (SANC).
- Vertically, graduates may articulate into any relevant degree at NQF Level 9, for an example a Master of Nursing Science in midwifery and neonatal nursing science.
- Also associated Masters' programmes at NQF level 9 in health, for an example a Master's in Public Health.
- Horizontally, articulation is possible to the proposed newly regulated postgraduate diplomas within nursing and other fields in Health Sciences at NQF level 8.

COURSE SPECIFIC RPL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY

- The RPL requirements in the Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery is specific to the learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the programme or its modules and not primarily the content.
- Applicants are required to submit Preliminary Assessment Evidence to the Faculty of Health Science, RPL Officer, or the midwifery academic staff member.
- Where applicable, the evidence must be verified by the applicants' employer. Evidence must be relevant to midwifery, current, sufficient, authentic, and valid and in the form of midwifery portfolios and challenge examinations.
- Upon receipt of portfolios and challenge examinations, the applicant will be issued with an acknowledgement of receipt of evidence.
- The evidence will be assessed to determine the Preliminary Assessment outcome as successful or unsuccessful.
- Successful candidates will be allowed access to further study, but not the award of the prerequisite qualification.