

Programme Specification: Post Graduate Taught

For students starting in Academic Year 2024/25

1. Course Summary

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| Names of programme and award title(s) | MSc Midwifery (Leadership and Research) |
| Award type | Taught Masters |
| Mode of study | Full-time Part-time |
| Framework of Higher Education Qualification (FHEQ) level of final award | Level 7 |
| Normal length of the programme | 1 year 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time |
| Maximum period of registration | The normal length as specified above plus 3 years |
| Location of study | Keele Campus |
| Accreditation (if applicable) | n/a |
| Regulator | Office for Students (OfS) |
| Tuition Fees | <p>UK students:</p> <p>Part-time fee for 2024/25 is £6,000 per year*</p> <p>Full-time fee for 2024/25 is £11,000 per year</p> <p>International students:</p> <p>Full-time fee for 2024/25 is £28,000 per year</p> |

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* We reserve the right to increase fees in subsequent years of study by an inflationary amount. Please refer to the accompanying Student Terms & Conditions for full details. Further information on fees can be found at <http://www.keele.ac.uk/studentfunding/tuitionfees/>

2. Overview of the Programme

This post registration programme is designed for 'early career' registered midwives who wish to progress to complete a postgraduate award, developing knowledge and skills in leadership and research. Rapid changes in health and social care practice require practitioners who can manage numerous and diverse demands placed upon them in their professional lives. The NHS in the 21st century faces many challenges: rising expectations, demand driven by demographics; the continuing development of our 'information society'; advances in treatments and changing expectations of the health workplace (DH 2019a). This programme has been developed to respond to the growing appetite from our student midwives to transition onto level 7 study as an early career pathway. Practice partners wish to invest in midwifery researchers and leaders to engage in more advanced roles, to enhance maternity and neonatal outcomes. The MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research)

programme will have a particular focus on supporting your preceptorship and early career transition as a midwife. This will enhance your delivery of compassionate, safe, and effective midwifery care as autonomous, reflective practitioners.

3. Aims of the programme

The broad aims of the programme are to enable you to:

- Maintain concepts of lifelong professional development in midwifery and reflexive practice in oneself and others;
- Demonstrate the capacity for critical enquiry, analysis and application of knowledge to midwifery; to support research and leadership development facilitating quality improvement in health and social care.

The programme aims to meet the generic statement of outcomes set out in the qualification descriptor within The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (FHEQ) (QAA, 2021)

<https://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/quality-code/qualifications-and-credit-frameworks>

4. What you will learn

The intended learning outcomes of the programme (what students should know, understand and be able to do at the end of the programme), can be described under the following headings:

- Subject knowledge and understanding
- Subject specific skills
- Intellectual Skills
- Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Subject knowledge and understanding

Successful students will be able to:

- Critically reflect on your professional midwifery practice and that of others, evaluating your skills as a practitioner to overcome challenges in future practice;
- Demonstrate a comprehensive and systematic understanding of skills and collaborative working practices required for contemporary leadership; including effective self-management and leadership skills to effect change within health and social care.
- Synthesise evidence-based literature and critique research methodologies to assess the credibility of research evidence; considering how you would lead change and quality initiatives within the midwifery discipline.
- Identify and collate evidence of your developing theoretical knowledge and practice skills evidencing academic and professional development to enhance your midwifery professional practice.
- Demonstrate and justify the development of professional decision-making skills, supporting effective collaborative working practices and leadership approaches to inform policy and best practice.

Subject specific skills

Successful students will be able to:

- An in-depth knowledge and understanding of midwifery, informed by current practice, scholarship and research, including a critical awareness of current issues and developments in the profession;
- The ability to apply research to professional situations, both practical and theoretical;
- The ability to use a range of techniques and research methods applicable to your professional midwifery activities.

Intellectual skills

Successful students will be able to:

- Critically reflect on the impact of effective leadership on sustainable health care practice
- Interpret research findings and relevant data from a range of sources, including the use of digital sources
- Justify the introduction to, and lead on implementation of, evidence-based interventions within the clinical environment to develop best practice and influence policy development.

Key or transferable skills (including employability skills)

Successful students will be able to:

- Implement evidence-based effective leadership skills, underpinned by a reflexive and self-aware approach, considering your own impact on professional practice.
- Innovate in clinical practice, supporting others to enhance midwifery practice and the experiences through research.
- Understand the importance of reflexivity in practice to enhance personal development and implement training to support others to be reflective.
- Critically evaluate your early career experiences in light of peer and professional review, to evidence and justify your development, reflecting professional body requirements

The Keele Graduate Attributes

The Keele Graduate Attributes are the qualities (skills, values and mindsets) which you will have the opportunity to develop during your time at Keele through both the formal curriculum and also through co- and extra-curricular activities (e.g., work experience, and engagement with the wider University community such as acting as ambassadors, volunteering, peer mentoring, student representation, membership and leadership of clubs and societies). Our Graduate Attributes consist of four themes: **academic expertise, professional skills, personal effectiveness, and social and ethical awareness**. You will have opportunities to engage actively with the range of attributes throughout your time at Keele: through your academic studies, through self-assessing your own strengths, weaknesses, and development needs, and by setting personal development goals. You will have opportunities to discuss your progress in developing graduate attributes with, for example, Academic Mentors, to prepare for your future career and lives beyond Keele.

5. How is the programme taught?

Academic mentoring sessions will be offered both on a group and individual basis, or remotely if necessary. There will be an emphasis on your individual development and opportunity will be given to:

- Explore specific learning intentions and/or any difficulties.
- Provide formative feedback and clarification of learning.
- Create a climate for learning through structured reflection on practice and their inter-relationship with leadership, research and evidence-based practice.

Based on the [Keele Learning Principles](#) the programme adopts a blended learning approach incorporating active social learning to flexibly meet the needs of busy professional students.

- Live sessions will be offered using in-person and online spaces to provide an engaging and accessible experience.
- Flipped classroom approaches will be utilised where students access core materials in preparation for their teaching sessions.
- In-person teaching will be complemented and framed using digital tools and resources. e.g. collaborative spaces through the KLE or Teams will enable you to engage around class sessions.
- Materials and activities will act as a wrap-around to class sessions, helping you to prepare for class learning and benefit from follow-up or consolidation activities either on-line or off-line
- Action learning sets where you will meet in small groups to work together of specific structured activities or reflect on experiences
- Independent study: you will be self-directed in relation to the various study demands of the programme

6. Teaching Staff

Academic staff involved with the MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research) programmes consists of lecturers with specialist expertise relating to the programme and module content. Many members of the academic team have higher degrees and PhDs in disciplines relating to the core modules of the pathway. They are often active researchers, publishing extensively in national and international journals. Moreover, they have extensive experience of teaching at postgraduate level and many are External Examiners for programmes in other Higher Education Institutions. A number of teaching staff hold fellowship or senior fellowship status with Advance HE, demonstrating expertise in engaging with a broad range effective and innovative approaches to learning and teaching, resulting in high quality student learning. Fellowship | Advance HE. The expertise of honorary lecturers, visiting lecturers and lead clinicians will be utilised in facilitating master classes.

The University will attempt to minimise changes to our core teaching teams, however, delivery of the programme depends on having a sufficient number of staff with the relevant expertise to ensure that the programme is taught to the appropriate academic standard.

Staff turnover, for example where key members of staff leave, fall ill or go on research leave, may result in changes to the programme's content. The University will endeavour to ensure that any impact on students is limited if such changes occur.

7. What is the structure of the programme?

The academic year runs from September to September and is divided into three trimesters. The number of weeks of teaching will vary from course to course, but you can generally expect to attend scheduled teaching sessions between the end of September and mid- December, and from mid-January to the end of June and July until September. The programme is organised into modules. Each module is a self- contained unit of study and each is assessed separately with the award of credits on the basis of 1 credit = 10 hours of student effort. An outline of the structure of the programme is provided in the tables below.

There are two types of module delivered as part of your programme. They are:

- Compulsory modules - modules that you are required to study on this course;
- Optional modules - these allow you some selection of what to study from a limited list of modules;

The MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research) programme is offered to you as either:

- a 1-year full-time programme

or

- a 2-year part-time programme. If you enrol onto the 2-year programme you will complete 105 credits in year one and 75 credits in year two (programme structure below):

Full Time Course structure

| Tri | Module | Assessment Type |
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| Tri 1 | The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner NUR-40160 30 credits OR Preceptorship NUR-40170 30 credits | Video diary Patchwork Text OR SLOC Analysis/Reflective Accounts QI proposal & Action Plan |
| Tri 1 | Applied Research Methods NUR-40118 15 credits | 3,000-word Research Report |
| Tri 1 | Leading and Complexity NUR-40154 15 credits | 2,500-word Final Report |

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| Tri 2 | Shaping Policy in Healthcare Practice NUR-40146 30 credits | A1: 2,500 word policy briefing review A2: Presentation of e-learning platform |
| Tri 2 | Option Module The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health, NUR-40156, 15 credits or Legal and ethical issues in healthcare, NUR-40122, 15 credits or Facilitating the Learning Journey, NUR-40142, 15 credits | Poster presentation or Oral presentation & Supporting Paper or Portfolio |

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| Tri 3 | Leading Quality & Improvement in Healthcare NUR-40148 15 Credits | 2,500-word Report |
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| Tri 1-3 | Master's Dissertation in Faculty of Health NUR-40019 Or Advanced Work-Based Project NUR-40037 60 credits | Project/Dissertation |
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Part Time Course structure

Year 1

| Tri | Module | Assessment type |
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| 1 | The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner NUR-40160 30 credits OR Preceptorship NUR-40170 30 credits | Video diary Patchwork Text OR SLOC Analysis/Reflective Accounts QI proposal & Action Plan |
| 1 | Applied Research Methods NUR-40118 15 credits | 3,000-word Research Report |
| 2 | Shaping Policy in Healthcare Practice NUR-40146 30 credits | 2,500 word policy briefing review Presentation of e-learning platform |
| 2 | Optional Module The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health, NUR-40156, 15 credits or Legal and ethical issues in healthcare, NUR-40122, 15 credits or Facilitating the Learning Journey, NUR-40142, 15 credits | Poster presentation or Oral presentation & Supporting Paper or Portfolio |
| 3 | Leading Quality & Improvement in Healthcare NUR-40148 15 Credits | 2,500-word Report |

Year 2

| Tri | Module | Assessment |
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| 1-3 | Master's Dissertation in Faculty of Health NUR-40019 or Advanced Work-based Project NUR-40037 60 credits | Project/Dissertation |
| 1 | Leading and Complexity NUR-40154 15 credits | 2,500 word report |

| Year | Compulsory | Optional | |
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| | | Min | Max |
| Level 7 | 75 | 105 | 105 |

Module Lists

Level 7

| Compulsory modules | Module Code | Credits | Period |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Applied Research Methods for Healthcare | NUR-40118 | 15 | Trimester 1 |
| Leading and Complexity | NUR-40154 | 15 | Trimester 1 |
| Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice | NUR-40146 | 30 | Trimester 2 |
| Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare | NUR-40148 | 15 | Trimester 3 |

| Optional modules | Module Code | Credits | Period |
|--|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner | NUR-40160 | 30 | Trimester 1 |
| Preceptorship | NUR-40170 | 30 | Trimester 1 |
| Masters Dissertation in Faculty of Health | NUR-40019 | 60 | Trimester 1-3 |
| Advanced Work-based Practice Project (60) | NUR-40037 | 60 | Trimester 1-3 |
| Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 | NUR-40122 | 15 | Trimester 2 |
| Facilitating the Learning Journey | NUR-40142 | 15 | Trimester 2 |
| The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health | NUR-40156 | 15 | Trimester 2 |

Level 7 Module Rules

Students must take either the Master's Dissertation in Faculty of Health (NUR-40019) or Advanced Work-Based Project (NUR-40037)

Learning Outcomes

The table below sets out what students learn in the programme and the modules in which that learning takes place. Details of how learning outcomes are assessed through these modules can be found in module specifications.

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| Subject Knowledge and Understanding | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| Critically reflect on your professional practice and that of others, evaluating your skills as a practitioner to overcome challenges in future practice; | Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 |
| Demonstrate a comprehensive and systematic understanding of skills and collaborative working practices required for contemporary leadership; including effective self-management and leadership skills to effect change within health and social care. | Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 |
| Synthesise evidence-based literature and critique research methodologies to assess the credibility of research evidence; considering how you would lead change and quality initiatives in your area of practice discipline. | Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 |
| Identify and collate evidence of your developing theoretical knowledge and practice skills evidencing academic and professional development to enhance your professional practice. | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| Demonstrate and justify the development of professional decision-making skills, supporting effective collaborative working practices and leadership approaches to inform policy and best practice. | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |

| Subject Specific Skills | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| An in-depth knowledge and understanding of your profession, informed by current practice, scholarship and research, including a critical awareness of current issues and developments in the subject and the profession; | <p>Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118</p> <p>Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154</p> <p>Preceptorship - NUR-40170</p> <p>Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146</p> <p>Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148</p> <p>The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160</p> <p>NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project</p> |
| The ability to apply research to professional situations, both practical and theoretical; | <p>Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118</p> <p>Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122</p> <p>Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142</p> <p>Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154</p> <p>Preceptorship - NUR-40170</p> <p>The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160</p> <p>Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146</p> <p>Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148</p> <p>The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156</p> <p>NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project</p> |
| The ability to use a range of techniques and research methods applicable to your professional activities. | <p>Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118</p> <p>Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122</p> <p>Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142</p> <p>Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154</p> <p>Preceptorship - NUR-40170</p> <p>The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160</p> <p>Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146</p> <p>Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148</p> <p>The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156</p> <p>NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project</p> |

| Intellectual skills | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| Critically evaluate the impact of effective leadership on sustainable health care practice | Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Advanced Work-based Practice Project (60) - NUR-40037 |
| Interpret research findings and relevant data from a range of sources, including the use of digital sources | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| Justify the introduction to, and lead on implementation of, evidence-based interventions within the clinical environment to develop best practice and influence policy development | Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |

| Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes) | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| An open and questioning approach to ideas, demonstrating curiosity, independence of thought and the ability to appreciate a range of perspectives on the natural and social worlds | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |

| Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes) | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| An appreciation of the development and value of your chosen subjects of study, awareness of their contexts, the links between them, and awareness of the provisional and dynamic nature of knowledge | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| Information literacy: the ability to locate, evaluate and synthesise large amounts of frequently conflicting information, ideas and data | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| The ability creatively to solve problems using a range of different approaches and techniques, and to determine which techniques are appropriate for the issue at hand | Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| An appreciation of the social, environmental and global implications of your studies and other activities, including recognition of any ethical implications | Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |

| Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes) | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| The ability to communicate clearly and effectively in written and verbal forms for different purposes and to a variety of audiences | Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| The knowledge, skills, self-confidence and self-awareness actively to pursue your future goals | The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| The ability and motivation to participate responsibly and collaboratively as an active citizen in the communities in which you live and work | The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |
| A professional and reflective approach, including qualities of leadership, responsibility, personal integrity, empathy, care and respect for others, accountability and self-regulation | Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |

| Key or Transferable Skills (graduate attributes) | |
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| Learning Outcome | Module in which this is delivered |
| The flexibility to thrive in rapidly changing and uncertain external environments and to update skills and knowledge as circumstances require. | The Reflective Midwifery Practitioner - NUR-40160 Shaping Policy in Health Care Practice - NUR-40146 Leading Quality and Improvement in Healthcare - NUR-40148 Applied Research Methods for Healthcare - NUR-40118 Leading and Complexity - NUR-40154 Preceptorship - NUR-40170 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare Level 7 - NUR-40122 The Role of Digital Technologies and Innovation within Public Health - NUR-40156 Facilitating the Learning Journey - NUR-40142 NUR-40019 or NUR-40037 Masters dissertation in Faculty of Health or Advanced work-based project |

8. Final and intermediate awards

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| Master's Degree | 180 credits | You will require at least 150 credits at Level 7 |
| Postgraduate Diploma | 120 credits | You will require at least 90 credits at Level 7 |
| Postgraduate Certificate | 60 credits | You will require at least 40 credits at Level 7 |

Postgraduate Diploma:

Students who exit with a Postgraduate Diploma [PG Dip] in Midwifery (Leadership & Research) will have successfully completed core modules in:

- NUR-40118 Applied Research Methods
- NUR-40154 Leading and Complexity
- NUR-40148 Leading Quality & Improvement in Healthcare
- NUR-40146 Shaping Policy in Healthcare Practice
- NUR-40144 The Reflective Practitioner or NUR-40170 Preceptorship
- Plus, one 15 credit optional module

Postgraduate Certificate:

Students who exit with a Postgraduate Certificate [PG Cert] in Midwifery (Leadership and Research) will have successfully completed core modules in:

- NUR-40118 Applied Research Methods and
- NUR-40154 Leading and Complexity **OR** NUR-40148 Leading Quality & Improvement in Healthcare and
- NUR-40146 Shaping Policy in Healthcare Practice

9. How is the Programme Assessed?

The wide variety of assessment methods used on this programme at Keele reflects the broad range of knowledge and skills that are developed as you progress through the degree programme. Teaching staff pay particular attention to specifying clear assessment criteria and providing timely, regular and constructive feedback that helps to clarify things you did not understand and helps you to improve your performance. The following list is representative of the variety of assessment methods used on your programme:

- Written reports
- Oral presentation
- Poster presentation
- Portfolio
- Policy briefing review

Marks are awarded for summative assessments designed to assess your achievement of learning outcomes. You will also be assessed formatively to enable you to monitor your own progress and to assist staff in identifying and addressing any specific learning needs. Feedback, including guidance on how you can improve

the quality of your work, is also provided on all summative assessments within three working weeks of submission, unless there are compelling circumstances that make this impossible, and more informally in the course of tutorial and seminar discussions.

10. Accreditation

This programme does not have accreditation from an external body.

11. University Regulations

The University Regulations form the framework for learning, teaching and assessment and other aspects of the student experience. Further information about the University Regulations can be found at: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/student-agreement/>

If this programme has any exemptions, variations or additions to the University Regulations these will be detailed in an Annex at the end of this document titled 'Programme-specific regulations'.

12. What are the typical admission requirements for the Programme?

The admissions requirements are:

- Hold current first level Professional Registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) or equivalent formal midwifery registration within your country of origin.
- Ordinarily be working in clinical practice or undertaking voluntary healthcare work.
- Hold an undergraduate degree or higher in a related subject normally gained within the last 36 months. Classification of 2:2 or above.
- A recent academic reference will be required as part of the application process

Additional entry requirements for international students:

- Hold current first level Nursing Professional Registration with a relevant regulatory body.
- Hold an undergraduate second-class honours degree or higher in a related subject.
- IELTS 6.5. The University also accepts a range of [internationally recognised English tests](#).
- If applicants do not meet the English language requirements, the University offers a range of [English language preparation programmes](#).

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is considered on a case-by-case basis and those interested should contact the Programme Director. The University's guidelines on this can be found here: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/ga/programmesandmodules/recognitionofpriorlearning/>

13. How are students supported on the programme?

Academic Mentor

As a student registered on the MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research), you are allocated an Academic Mentor (AM) to provide support and advice. The AM is available to provide academic advice to their allocated students. In addition to providing support and advice, the AM will review their students' progress on the programme, and will meet with each student formally at least four times per year. All AM's are accessible to students by email or MS Teams. Students are allocated an alternative AM, should their AM be absent from the School for a prolonged period of time.

Student Services

Throughout the period of study you can access the Student Experience and Support team based within the faculty. These teams are part of student services, working closely with other teams such as counselling, disability and dyslexia and chaplaincy ensuring students can access the support they need (<https://www.keele.ac.uk/students/student-services/student-experience-and-support/>). The school has a dedicated student experience support officer (SESO) who is independent of academic colleagues and is able to give advice and signpost students to any pastoral support that helps students, whilst they are on their programme.

Support from Module Lecturers

Module Lecturers will provide support to you regarding specific aspects of learning and teaching. Module Lecturers may offer guidance on assessment work but will not suggest likely grades. Please note that assessments may be marked by any member of the module team and follow quality monitoring processes of the University. Any specific queries should always be addressed to the module team member or the module leader in the first instance.

Disability Inclusion Tutors

The School has Disability Inclusion Tutors whose role is to support students with disabilities and ensure reasonable adjustments are implemented. They can advise you on matters relating to disability, including Dyslexia/Specific Learning Difficulties.

Wider Network of Student Support

You have access to a wide range of support within the University via Student Services incorporating:

- Disability and Dyslexia Support.
- Careers and Employability Service.
- International Student Support.
- Counselling and Wellbeing.
- Student Financial Support.
- Student Life and Learning.
- The Students' Union also offers support through their sabbatical officers and the Independent Advice Unit.

14. Learning Resources

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has excellent facilities on Keele campus and at the Clinical Education Centre (CEC). Academic colleagues and professional support staff from the school have a base on campus within the David Weatherall building. The David Weatherall building contains a large lecture theatre, flexible learning teaching spaces and a range of classrooms, computer suite and seminar rooms. In addition, there are two health houses available for skills and simulation. The CEC based at the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) provides a modern clinical learning environment, which is shared between the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery and Medicine.

In addition to the University Library facilities on the main campus, the School provides excellent facilities with a multidisciplinary health library. This provides an extensive range of books, journals and electronic resources <http://www.keele.ac.uk/healthlibrary/>. Information skills training and academic writing skills sessions are available from library staff. The library has extended opening hours. The virtual learning environment will be utilised via Blackboard (Keele Learning Environment) as a resource to support and complement the learning and teaching approach of the MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research).

15. Other Learning Opportunities

Internationalisation

There are considerable opportunities and challenges posed by the increasing globalisation and information base of the world economy and political agendas. Keele has developed a framework, which is regularly updated, within which it endeavours to strategically address the international and globalisation requirements through the delivery of key strategic objectives.

The International Strategy had six priority objectives:

1. Identify Keele's place and strengths in the global knowledge economy, in both research and learning.
2. Identify and develop strategic institutional collaborations: focused, multi-functional, and appropriately funded.
3. Develop global dimensions to the curriculum.
4. Develop a modern languages strategy.
5. Review and continually update our international recruitment strategy.
6. Internationalise the student [and staff] experience.

To help support these objectives, the University Pro-Vice Chancellor for International, provides an internal structure to enable key individuals responsible for internationalisation to have a link person within each School to share best practice, provide information on international opportunities, raise awareness of current and planned activities and ensure that a consistent international approach is adopted across Schools.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has been proactive in developing the international perspective and has a growing focus with well-established partnerships with a number of institutions e.g.

- Nethersol School of Nursing, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- School of Nursing and Midwifery, Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) Sri Lanka. (MOU)
- School of Nursing and Midwifery, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia.
- Catholic University of Applied Sciences, Freiburg, Germany.
- Tbilisi State Medical University, Republic of Georgia.
- Seinajoki University Kampusranta, Finland. *Just sorted today.*

- School of Nursing and Midwifery, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, Bahrain

For more information [Study abroad - Keele University](#)

These enable both staff and student potential opportunities for international experiences. Students on the MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research) programme will explore global health issues, international health targets and international health care policies within the programme using a variety of learning and teaching methods. In addition to this, students will be given the opportunity to undertake an international experience either in one of the School's link institutions, via a recognised placement organisation or following appropriate approval processes, a placement they have identified. Please note this does require the student to self-fund. In some circumstances access to the Turing fund is available to support this.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery welcomes a number of students from other countries to spend a period of study here, which has been evaluated extremely positively and benefits our student population. An annual event is scheduled where health care students within the Faculty reflect on their international experiences as part of the "Keele International Festival".

16. Additional Costs

As to be expected there will be additional costs for inter-library loans and potential overdue library fines, print and graduation. Students who wish to undertake international experiences are expected to fund themselves, however additional support and information is provided at [Study abroad - Keele University](#)

We do not anticipate any further costs for this programme.

17. Quality management and enhancement

The quality and standards of learning in this programme are subject to a continuous process of monitoring, review and enhancement.

- The School Education Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring quality management and enhancement procedures and activities across the School.
- Individual modules and the programme as a whole are reviewed and enhanced every year in the annual programme review which takes place at the end of the academic year.
- The programmes are run in accordance with the University's Quality Assurance procedures and are subject to periodic reviews under the Revalidation process.

Student evaluation of, and feedback on, the quality of learning on every module takes place every year using a variety of different methods:

- The results of student evaluations of all modules are reported to module leaders and reviewed by the Programme Committee as part of annual programme review.
- Findings related to the programme from the annual Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), and from regular surveys of the student experience conducted by the University, are subjected to careful analysis and a planned response at programme and School level.
- Feedback received from representatives of students on the programme is considered and acted on at regular meetings of the Student Staff Voice Committee.

The University appoints senior members of academic staff from other universities to act as external examiners on all programmes. They are responsible for:

- Approving examination questions
- Confirming all marks which contribute to a student's degree
- Reviewing and giving advice on the structure and content of the programme and assessment procedures

Information about current external examiner(s) can be found here:

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/externalexaminers/currentexternalexaminers/>

18. The principles of programme design

The programme described in this document has been drawn up with reference to, and in accordance with the guidance set out in, the following documents:

- UK Quality Code for Higher Education, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code>
- QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/the-quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements>
- Keele University Regulations and Guidance for Students and Staff: <http://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations>

19. Annex - Programme-specific regulations

Programme Regulations:

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| Final Award and Award Titles | MSc Midwifery (Leadership & Research) |
| Intermediate Award(s) | [PgCert] Midwifery (Leadership & Research) [PgDip] Midwifery (Leadership & Research) |
| Last modified | n/a |
| Programme Specification | https://www.keele.ac.uk/qa/programmespecifications |

The University's Academic Regulations which can be found on the Keele University website (<https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>)[1] apply to and regulate the programme, other than in instances where the specific programme regulations listed below over-ride them. These programme regulations list:

- *Exemptions* which are characterised by the omission of the relevant regulation.
- *Variations* which are characterised by the replacement of part of the regulation with alternative wording.
- *Additional Requirements* which set out what additional rules that apply to students in relation to this programme.

The following **exemptions, variations** and **additional requirements** to the University regulations have been checked by Academic Services and have been approved by the Faculty Education Committee.

A) EXEMPTIONS

The clause(s) listed below describe where an exemption from the University's Academic Regulations exists:

For the whole duration of their studies, students on this Programme are exempt from the following regulations:

- **No exemptions apply.**

B) VARIATIONS

The clause(s) listed below describe where a variation from the University's Academic Regulations exists:

No variations apply

Additional Requirements

The programme requirements listed below are in addition to the University's Academic Regulations:

Additional requirement 1: Students will be required to hold relevant registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council.

[1] References to University Regulations in this document apply to the content of the University's Regulatory Framework as set out on the University website here <https://www.keele.ac.uk/regulations/>.

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