

Get ready for BSc(Hons) Midwifery

Congratulations on gaining a place at UWE Bristol to study Midwifery, I hope you are looking forward to the holidays and getting ready to start. I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto the BSc(Hons) Midwifery programme, and I look forward to meeting you.

Rona Lockyer-Sheppard

Programme Leader

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 20 January 2025 for Starting Block. The programme start date for BSc(Hons) Midwifery will be on 20 January.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block webpage](#) for more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via [MYUWE](#) (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. You will receive an email from the University inviting you to register online. You can find guidance and support information on our [Registration](#) webpage.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

How to make a successful start to your programme

Specific for your course

In previous correspondence you will have already been informed about our additional requirements which must be completed ahead of Registration and Induction:

Academic certificates

Disclosure and Barring Service check

Occupational Health clearance

Please bring your completed form with you to your Occupational Health Session which will take place during Induction Week. Do not return this form in advance.

Immunisation

Please read both the [Immunisation Letter](#) and [Immunisation leaflet](#) prior to commencing your studies.

If any of these requirements are still outstanding you must send the relevant paperwork to us, as instructed, as soon as possible. Incomplete Disclosure Barring Service and Occupational Health checks will prevent you from continuing on the degree and from undertaking placements.

Placement Uniform

Details of how to order your placement uniform online will be sent to you by email soon after you start. This will include guidance to help you take accurate measurements that will be required to process your uniform order. You will also be asked to provide an address where your uniform will be delivered – please ensure that the address you provide is where you will be based when the delivery is made. Uniform deliveries will be made between late October and December. Look out for the email in your UWE emails and order your uniform promptly.

You are also required to complete the ['Digital Learning at UWE Bristol'](#) course before you start the midwifery programme. This open access course will familiarise you with the digital environments that are used at UWE Bristol. Successful completion of the course will generate an email which you will be required to share when you start the programme.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

Have a go at these activities to start preparing for your programme.

Enquiry Based Learning (EBL) is a teaching and learning strategy used throughout the BSc (Hons) Midwifery programme. In addition to the reading list text by Price (2003), please also ensure that you have read the [EBL Pre-enrolment Guide](#) before the programme commences.

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the [Library](#) web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

Johnson, R. Taylor, W. (2021) *Skills for Midwifery Practice*. Edinburgh, Churchill Livingstone Elsevier.

Durant, E. (2023) *Becoming a Midwife: A Student Guide*. Bloomsbury Publishing, London

Price, B. (2003) *Studying Nursing Using Problem-Based and Enquiry-Based Learning*. London, Palgrave Macmillan

Rankin, J. (2017) *Physiology in Childbearing with Anatomy and Related Biosciences*, Elsevier, Edinburgh

Scanlon, S. Walker, H. (2014) *Studying for your Midwifery Degree*. Sage, London

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

You will benefit from a laptop, particularly if your access to on-campus facilities is limited. UWE Bristol licenses many specialists software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the [Student Money Service](#) for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students

The [Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact me **Rona Lockyer-Sheppard** via email at rona.lockyer-sheppard@uwe.ac.uk

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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