

Variation to the Course Information Document (updated with a Variation to Midwifery programme regulations – see page 2)

For Academic Year 2020/21

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| Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i> | BSc (Hons) Midwifery |
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

Specific planned changes

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| How the programme will be taught <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i> | Teaching will be a mix of in-situ (physically present in the classroom/clinical skills suite), synchronous (online but at allocated times with academic tutors) and asynchronous (where teaching materials and activities can be worked with at a time that suits you). The amount will vary between each year of the programme and will be explained by the year and module teams. It is anticipated that there will be time either one day each week or blocks of time when students will undertake some clinical skills in the Clinical Education Centre. It is planned that theory-based modules will offer approximately 25% in-situ, 35% synchronous and 40% asynchronous teaching experiences in year 1, 15% in-situ, 35% synchronous and 50% asynchronous teaching experiences in year 2 and 20% in-situ, 20% synchronous and 60% asynchronous teaching experiences in year 3. Students will spend time in a range of clinical practice settings as planned for 50% of the course time to meet professional body requirements. |
| Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i> | Placements will continue as planned in clinical practice settings. There will be additional placement time to accommodate placement hours last academic year – overall programme hours remain unchanged. Students will undertake a COVID risk assessment prior to undertaking placements. |
| Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i> | Students will be required to wear Personal Protective Equipment for clinical skills-based laboratory work, which will be provided by the School of Nursing and Midwifery. Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to |

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| | computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the University's hardship fund . |
| How the programme will be assessed <i>(a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</i> | There are no planned changes to assessment methods. |
| How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i> | There are no planned changes to the support provided: students will be supported by their allocated personal tutor as normal and meet through a synchronous online format and in-situ as COVID restrictions permit. |

Updated module lists for 2020/21

There are no changes to the modules listed in the programme specification.

For further information on the content of modules currently offered, including the list of elective modules, please visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/recordsandexams/modulecatalogue/>

The module selection website can be accessed here: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/modules/>

Update (September 2020): Variation to the Standard Programme Regulations (academic years 2019/20) for the BSc Midwifery programme

(affecting students who entered the programme in 2018 and 2019)

These variations were approved by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education) in August 2020 in response to circumstances preventing the students on this programme to progress and meet professional body requirements for their level of study by the normal progression point, as a result of Covid-19 public health measures.

Variation 1:

Exceptionally, Year 1 BSc Midwifery students (the cohort which started in September 2019) who are not able to meet the professional programme requirements and progress to Year 2 in September 2020 will provisionally be allowed to progress to Year 2 with incomplete credits but will have to pass the outstanding assessments no later than January 2021. Their progress will be assessed at an extraordinary Exam Board taking place in February 2021.

Variation 2:

Exceptionally, Year 2 BSc Midwifery students (the cohort which started in September 2018) who are not able to meet the professional programme requirements and progress to Year 3 in September 2020 will provisionally be allowed to progress to Year 3 with incomplete credits but will have to pass the outstanding assessments no later than November 2020. Their progress will be assessed at an extraordinary Exam Board taking place in December 2020.