Course Overview

This course is taught by the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin in partnership with The Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital, Dublin and The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.
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The course is designed to provide the midwifery students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become competent, analytical and reflective practitioners, thus enabling them to provide care in a manner that benefits women and their families. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be eligible to apply for entry to the register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland as a Registered Midwife (RM).

**Structure and delivery**
The course consists of both classroom and practice learning:

**Theory:** 26 weeks (24 weeks classroom and 10 individual study days)

**Practice:** 52 weeks (including 9 weeks holidays and Public Holidays)

For the duration of the course, the student is an employee of either The Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital, Dublin or The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin and a registered student of Trinity College Dublin.

Progression through the programme will require the student to achieve the required standards for attendance, professional conduct and the assessment of theory and practice. Assessment methods are varied and wide ranging, they include: examinations; written and oral assignments; case presentations; independent and group work; skills assessment and OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination).

**Modules (ECTS are listed in brackets)**
- Foundation Skills for Midwifery Practice (0)
- Sharing the Woman’s Experience - Social Theory and Birth (5)
- Core Midwifery Practice and Adaption in Pregnancy (15)
- Midwifery Practice: Pathophysiology and Unexpected Outcomes of Pregnancy and Childbirth (15)
- Midwifery Research - Evidence for Midwifery Practice (5)
- Lactation and Infant Feeding (5)
- Health Promotion (5)
- Being a Midwife - Personal and Professional Development (10)
- Midwifery Practice (30)

**Entry Requirements**
- current registration as General Nurse (RGN) on the live register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland;
- have a relevant academic qualification, preferably to degree level;
- thereafter selection and recruitment is on the basis of performance at interview.

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