Course Overview

The MSc offered by Trinity College’s School of Nursing and Midwifery is contemporary, varied and very midwifery focused. In the first year, students complete six taught modules leaving plenty of time to focus on the midwifery research project in the second year. Students having successfully completed year one may choose to exit with a Post Graduate Diploma in Midwifery.
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Having a Master’s degree is becoming the key to personal professional development and promotion within midwifery practice, health service management and education. Trinity College Dublin’s (TCD) midwifery teaching team has a strong track record in advancing midwifery nationally and internationally through research, in supporting education in academic and clinical practice. The teaching team also represents midwifery on various regulatory (NMBI) and Irish health service (HSE) bodies. We are delighted to be able to encourage and support Ireland’s future midwifery leaders.

Structure and delivery
**Year One:** commences with a full week in September and thereafter one or two days per week for the remainder of the academic year (depending on whether the course is being undertaken full-time or part-time).

**Year Two:** attendance at workshops throughout the academic year.

TCD has world leading library facilities with remote online access from home. Each module delivers some content online and makes all teaching and learning materials available via the online learning resource ‘Blackboard’. A blended learning approach is utilised in the delivery of theoretical content which includes lectures, group discussions and self-directed learning. The assessment process is a combination of written and practical assignments. Throughout the programme, and for your midwifery research proposal and dissertation, you will have dedicated one-to-one supervision from an experienced facilitator from the midwifery academic team.

Modules - Year One
- **Advancing Midwifery Practice** incorporates a practice innovation project within your own practice institution and offers a real opportunity to advance midwifery practice and care locally.
- **Women-Centred Maternity Care in Ireland** examines alternative models of maternity care with contributions from highly regarded midwifery leaders of women’s centred models of maternity care in Ireland.
- **Advancing the Theoretical Foundations of Nursing/Midwifery** explores the origins of midwifery knowledge.
- **Leadership and Quality Improvement in Healthcare** the content of this module offers a fitting response to the Dept of Health’s, the Health Service Executive’s & Health Information and Quality Authority’s focus on preparation for leadership in the health services.
- **Theory and Practice of Enquiry Methods for Healthcare** promotes critical thinking and evidence-based practice and helps you to develop your midwifery research proposal.
- **Ethics and Law in Health and Social Care** offers the opportunity to study ethical and legal principles governing practice OR **Specialised Clinical Midwifery Practice** 500 hours (250 supervised) of documented reflective clinical practice in your specialised area will be facilitated and recognised as equivalent to one theory module.

Year Two - Midwifery Research Dissertation
The workshops in year two focus on different research methodologies, and students attend the workshops relevant to their chosen methodology.

Entry Requirements:
- Registration as a midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland, or, in the case of international applicants, registration as a professional midwife who is entitled to practice as a qualified or registered midwife in their own country.
- A minimum of one-year full-time recent clinical midwifery practice since registration as a midwife; and
- An honours degree in midwifery or a related discipline or equivalent professional and academic qualification; or
- Otherwise satisfy the course committee that they have the ability to complete and benefit from the course, subject to the discretion/permission of the Dean of Graduate StudiesCurrent registration as a midwife on the active register held by The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland