PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

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PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The MSc Midwifery (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care) is a flexible programme that equips and enhances your leadership skills and knowledge within a highly demanding academic and practice level. It seeks to prepare a specialist research-focused workforce that will help revolutionize health and social care provision to better meet society’s changing demographic health needs by using new technologies and more innovative and creative working practice.

Responding to women’s experiences of care will drive quality improvement and this will result in an increased focus on social models of care with women and families' needs at its very heart (DH, 2010).

The course aims to provide you with the opportunity to create a challenging and rewarding master's pathway tailored to your personal development needs. Compulsory modules are kept to a minimum, with a wide range of optional modules available for individual selection.

The course offers teaching in the latest theoretical and clinical developments relating to health and social care provision. It develops your research skills and critical thinking and provides the opportunity to conduct a research project under expert supervision, laying the foundations for independent research in the future. You will have the opportunity to discuss key debates in health and social care provision in multi-professional and interdisciplinary contexts. You will gain a solid foundation of research skills and applied data analysis to support and extend your role as an evidence-based practitioner.

By completing the MSc Midwifery (APHSC) you will have demonstrated original application of knowledge to the field of maternity care and clinical decision making in relation to practice. You will have been engaged in research that contributes new views to this area.

By completing the Postgraduate Diploma you will have explored knowledge related to the field of maternity care from different perspectives to broaden your expertise and skills. You will also have critically evaluated current evidence in the field and provided appropriate critiques of knowledge and techniques in relation to this.

If you exit the programme at Postgraduate Certificate level you will be have been enabled to examine theories related to maternity care and be able to synthesise and apply these to practice. You will have gained critical insight into problems that may arise in this area.
and be able to consider problem solving mechanisms. You will also be able to use a range of techniques to undertake your scholarly work.

Aims

The aim of this programme is to develop midwives who will be able to:

• Develop the ability to exercise initiative and personal responsibility, decision making in complex and unpredictable situations within midwifery practice.
• Develop your midwifery knowledge, and acquire skills which will advance your midwifery practice role.
• Organise and appraise independent learning required for continuing professional development
• Discriminate and be open to new ideas, and challenge traditional ways of working

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding:

• Show knowledge and critical understanding of the principles of research design and statistics
• Critically appraise the nature of health and social care provision and further develop your role as an advanced health and social care worker
• Examine and critically appraise contemporary midwifery knowledge and apply such knowledge to your decision making.
• Critically appraise research methodologies and their relevance to your practice
• Produce an evidence based dissertation project that is of a publishable standard

Skills:

• Demonstrate self-direction and originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in midwifery practice.
• Demonstrate effectiveness in practice as an autonomous midwife capable of leading in professional developments.
• Develop research designs appropriate to research questions/hypotheses, and select and implement appropriate analyses of data
• Critically appraise, evaluate and integrate theories and perspectives in midwifery and articulate implications for practice development and innovation
• Organise the participation of service users in health and social care settings that empower the users to be involved in the decision-making process.

Values and attitudes:

• Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of complying with ethics requirements for conduct of research with human participants
• Show an insight into and respect for the experience of service users, their relatives and other health, social work and social care providers and participants in research
• Provide advice that is value free and non-discriminatory care to clients, carers and colleagues.
• Construct and manage a personal and professional development plan which reflects a commitment to lifelong learning

Registration Period

The normal period of registration for the MSc is one year’s taught programme for full time students (plus up to one year for dissertation) or two years’ taught programme for part time students (plus up to one year for dissertation).

The maximum period of registration for full time students is 3 years and for part time students is 5 years.

The normal period of registration for the PG Diploma award is one year for full time students or two years for part time students.

If you registered for and successfully completed the PG-Dip Midwifery (APHSC) at City, University of London and wish to convert that award to an MSc you will be required to undertake, and successfully complete, the 60 credit dissertation module. This must be completed within 5 years from starting the PG-Diploma. You will be required to rescind your PG-Dip Award

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Time commitments

Full-time: one year (two days a week) for taught modules, plus four months for dissertation. It is recognised that some students who attend the taught part of the programme full time may undertake the dissertation on a part time basis; such students may be allowed up to a year to complete their dissertation.

Part-time: two years (one day a week) for taught modules, plus up to one year for dissertation.

A blended approach to learning and teaching is adopted including university-based taught modules; e-learning and work-based learning. Modules are run by experienced practitioners and leading researchers, using a variety of direct and interactive teaching methods. You will learn in large and small multi-disciplinary groups and will be supported and encouraged to participate in independent learning.

You will experience a range of teaching, learning and assessment strategies throughout the programme aimed at developing and accessing different knowledge, skills and attitudes. Lectures are used to provide knowledge about topics Students undertaking this programme will be encouraged to learn knowledge and skills to enable them to work inter-professionally. The range of teaching methods include: lectures; self-directed study; tutorials; action learning sets, class-based seminars; reflective study; enquiry based learning; workshops; individual and collaborative activity and presentations.

There will be extensive use of City’s Virtual Learning Platform – Moodle - for a more interactive learning experience. At Masters level these strategies are aimed at developing your ability to challenge current limits of theory and research and creatively use solutions to solve problems. You will engage in full professional and academic communication critically debating and evaluating personal performance and that of others.
WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

A variety of assessment methods are used to assess the programme learning outcomes. The choice of assessment method will be influenced by the focus and learning outcomes of the modules. Assessment strategies include coursework, examinations, reports, seminar presentations, skills schedules and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs). You will be expected to take part in formative assessment activities during the modules in addition to the summative assessments for each module. The choice of assessment method will be influenced by the focus and learning outcomes of the module. Assessment methods that are used to assess include: coursework, examinations, reports, seminar presentations, skills schedules and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs).

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Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks.

Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These will be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in line with our Assessment and Feedback Policy. In particular, you will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at: [https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy...pdf](https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/452565/Assessment-and-Feedback-Policy...pdf)

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits.

The pass mark for each module is 50%.
If you fail an assessment component or a module you will normally be offered one re-sit attempt.

If you are successful in the re-sit, you will be awarded the credit for that module. The mark for each assessment component that is subject to a resit will be capped at the pass mark for the module. This capped mark will be used in the calculation of the final module mark together with the original marks for the components that you passed at first attempt.

If you do not meet the requirements for a module and do not complete your resit by the date specified you will not progress and the Assessment Board will require that you be withdrawn from the programme.

If you fail to meet the requirements for the programme, the Assessment Board will consider whether you are eligible for an Exit Award as per the table below.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at: http://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc

### WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?

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**Postgraduate Diploma (Exit Awards):**

To exit with a Postgraduate Diploma Midwifery (APHSC) you will be required to complete the two core modules, three discipline-specific modules and two elective modules at level 7.

To exit with a Post Graduate Diploma in Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care you will be required to complete the 30-credit 'Introduction to Research Methods and Data Analysis' module (HRM001) and the 15-credit 'Critical Approaches to Advanced Practice' module (APM001) together with other level 7 modules from the range available.

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**Postgraduate Diploma Programme**

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**Postgraduate Certificate (Exit Awards):**

To exit with a Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care, you will be required to complete the 30-credit ‘Introduction to Research Methods and Data Analysis’ module (HRM001) and the 15-credit “Critical Approaches to Advanced Practice” module (Code APM001) together with one other 15-credit module.

To exit with a Postgraduate Certificate in Midwifery, you will be required to complete all three of the core midwifery modules and one other level 7 15 credit module.

To exit with a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences you will be required to achieve 60 credits by successfully completing any combination of modules from the range of core and optional elective modules.

All module choices should be undertaken in consultation with your Programme Director.

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**WHAT WILL I STUDY?**

**Taught Component**

If you are working towards the MSc and the Postgraduate Diploma you will study two core modules, three of the discipline-specific modules and two elective modules at level 7. If you are part-time, you take up to two modules per term over two years. If you are full-time, you take up to four modules per term over one year. If you are on the MSc programme you are required to undertake the 60 credit Dissertation module.

You will find your core and discipline-specific modules listed in the table below. You can see a full list of possible elective modules from the range of MSc programmes offered in the School of Health Sciences at [https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/health-sciences/courses](https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/health-sciences/courses). Some modules are only run every second year so it is important to make your module choice in advance and in close consultation with your programme director. If an elective module has less than a certain number of registered students (typically around 10) it may not run, or may only be offered every second year so please check with your programme director.

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Introduction to Research Methods and Applied Data Analysis

Critical Approaches to Advanced Practice

Midwifery Theory: Knowledge, Profession and Practice (online)

Risk and Midwifery Practice

Optimum Birth

Advancing Maternity Practice: Facilitating Group Antenatal Care

Dissertation Component

The dissertation is a core module for completion of the MSc. See the dissertation module and dissertation handbook for more information. You may begin carrying out your dissertation during the year but you are only able to submit it once you have completed all the taught modules successfully.

TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?

This programme has been developed to allow you the greatest possible flexibility in developing specialist skills and knowledge at a highly demanding academic and practical level. The programme will prepare you for a range of roles including Midwife Consultant and Clinical Leadership.

If you would like more information on the Careers support available at City, please go to: http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates.

WHAT STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?
There are no study abroad options available on this programme.

WHAT PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?
If you are undertaking clinical modules you must be registered on the midwifery part of the NMC register. If you are undertaking the Physical Assessments of the Neonates and Infants module you must also be able to confirm mentorship from either a doctor or midwife who has undertaken the module within your workplace. You must work at least one day per week in a clinical setting in which advanced practice skills can be acquired.
WILL I GET ANY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION?
There is currently no professional accreditation associated with this programme.

HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?
All entrants to the programme must be in possession of a relevant first degree in Midwifery, normally at the level of 2:2. A lower qualification such as Diploma in Midwifery may be considered with appropriate prior experience.

Applicants would normally be expected to have been practicing as a registered midwife for at least one year.

For students whose first language is not English, the following qualifications will meet the English language requirement for entry to a post graduate course of study:

- A first degree from a UK university
- A first degree from an overseas institution recognised by City as providing adequate evidence of proficiency in the English language, for example, from institutions in Australia, Canada or the USA
- International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) a score of 7.0 is required with no subtest scoring below 6.5
- Pearson Test of English (Academic) score 72 required
- Other evidence of proficiency in the English language, which satisfies the Board of Studies concerned.

RPL Requirements

In line with Senate Regulation 19, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) will be considered for any student who has pursued appropriate studies in this or another institution or who possesses appropriate qualifications. RPL may be claimed for core and elective modules, subject to the following City Assessment Regulations:

9(c)(ii): RPL will be permitted where the Programme Committee has assessed the claim in terms of acceptability, sufficiency, authenticity, currency and level and can demonstrate that the student’s previously assessed or experiential learning meets all the learning outcomes stated in the Module Specification for the module for which they are to be awarded credit.

9(e)(iii): The limit to the volume of credit that can be permitted through RPL will be up to one third of the total credits for the Programme where the prior learning relates to credit previously awarded by City as CPD.

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