A warm welcome to the University of Greenwich
Why choose the University of Greenwich?

- We have three beautiful and historic campuses: Greenwich, Medway and Avery Hill.
- Midwifery (and Nursing) is based at Avery Hill, Eltham, which is convenient for Central London and the Kent countryside.
- We provide training & education for health and social care organisations throughout South East England.
- We offer a range of qualifying and post qualified courses for professionals from various disciplines, as well as traditional academic degrees.
Why Midwifery at the University of Greenwich?

- Midwifery at the University of Greenwich is first in London (NSS, 2019) for its learning opportunities, assessment and feedback and the student voice.
- All lecturers are registered midwives
- Dedicated team
- Supportive environment
- Beautiful surroundings
Midwifery at the University of Greenwich?

- Our midwifery programme is a three year full time programme with 95 places available per year (September).
- 50% of the programme is theoretical and based at Avery Hill Campus.
- 50% of the programme is spent in clinical practice - students are normally based with one NHS Trust for the whole 3 years.
Where will I be working in placement?

**London Based:**
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital – Woolwich (L&G)
- Lewisham Hospital – Lewisham (L&G)
- Darent Valley Hospital - Dartford
- Princess Royal Hospital – Farnborough (KCH)
- Newham Hospital – East London (Barts)
- Kings – Denmark Hill (KCH)

**Kent Based:**
- Medway Hospital - Gillingham

You will be asked for your 1st and 2nd preference at interview – However it is NOT guaranteed!
What does a typical university day look like?

- Classroom teaching usually takes place between 9.00am and 7.00pm.
- The library has extended opening hours.
- Typically 25-30 hours classroom time per week.
- Attendance and punctuality is important and is monitored.

- **Facilities** - cafés and restaurants, shop, Car parking - parking charges in place: pay and display (£1 for up to 2.5 hours, £2 for up to 5 hours, £3 All day).
Structure of course from Sept 2020:

You will share learning with nursing students on the following modules:

YEAR 1

- Professional and academic development (30 credits Level 4).
- Anatomy, physiology & pharmacology (30 credit Level 4).

YEAR 2

- Understanding Research in Evidence-Based Practice (30 credits Level 5).
- Pathophysiology: illness and its impact upon an individual (15 credits) Level 5.

YEAR 3

- Exploring Evidence for Professional Practice (30 credits Level 6).
- Preparation for Professional Practice (30 credits Level 6).
You will also have midwifery specific learning on the following modules

**YEAR 1**
- Introduction to care for women, new-born infants and families (Normality) 1 (30 credits LEVEL 4).
- Introduction to care for women, new-born infants and families (Complexity) (30 credits Level 4).

**YEAR 2**
- Enhancing care for women, NB infants and families (Normality) (30 credits Level 5).
- Enhancing care for women, NB infants and families (Complexity) (30 credits Level 5).
- Introduction to examination of the new-born infant (NIPE) (15 credits Level 5).

**YEAR 3**
- Leading care for women, NB infants and families (Normality) (30 credits Level 6).
- Leading care for women, NB infants and families (Complexity) (30 credits Level 6).
How will you study?
We use many different methods to teach you:

- Lectures
- Flipped classes (where you will do preparatory work before the session)
- Skills sessions
- Self-directed
- Enquiry-based
- Presentations
- Seminars
- Debates
- Self-directed study at end of each year
Modules may be completed & assessed in 1 semester or run over both semesters of the year.

Assessment of clinical practice will occur during each practice period.

All assessments of theory and practice must be passed.
Attendance

- During the 3 year midwifery programme, you will be required to complete 45 programmed weeks per year.
- 100% attendance is required for both theory and practice.
- 7 weeks annual leave allocated per year (inclusive of Bank Holidays):
  - 2 weeks around Christmas/New Year.
  - 2 weeks around Easter – there is some flexibility.
  - 3 weeks in August.
Will I have to work shifts?

Midwifery is a 24/7 service.
You will be required to be:

- On-call, work weekends, public holidays.
- Work night shifts throughout your 3 years.
- Work the shifts that your practice supervisor is working.
Moving to the area?

- Accommodation is available on campus in the student village.
- Range of accommodation including en-suite or shared bathrooms
- A list of local private sector rentals is available from the accommodation office
Is there support available for me?

**YES THERE IS ...**

There are many forms of support available for you whilst on the course. All the following staff will be there to aid you at the time you need support.

- Programme Leader
- Lead Midwife for Education
- Module Leaders
- Personal Tutor
- Link Lecturer

- Programme Administrator
- Practice Assessors & Supervisors
- Student Centre
- Student’s Union
- Listening Ears
- Free unlimited on-site IT access
What happens on my selection day?

- You will be invited to our Avery Hill campus for an applicant day which may include a tour of our faculties and a face to face interview.
- The interview will consist of you answering a small number of questions to show your motivation for the course and also for you to demonstrate your transferable skills.
Outcome of my selection day

Any offer of a place on the programme will be subject to:

- Occupational health assessment confirming medical fitness to undertake the programme.
- Clear enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) police disclosure
- On-time candidates will be informed of the outcome of interview prior to the UCAS March 2020 deadline.
- Information on the applicant’s UCAS web page will be confirmed in writing by UCAS.
Disclosure and Barring Service Disclosure

- Midwifery programmes are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974.
- This means that criminal convictions are never ‘spent’.
- When asked at interview, you must declare whether you have any criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings which would not be filtered in line with current guidance.
- Having a conviction does not necessarily preclude you from the programme but failing to disclose a conviction that is later revealed by the DBS disclosure will result in discontinuation from the programme.
and so... Have you considered...?

- You are going to be studying full time.
- You are going to be working shifts.
- You are going to be travelling to placements (and you may not be allocated to your first choice of hospitals).
- You will have to live on a student loan.
- You may be moving away from home and into accommodation.
- Balancing student life / home life.
Please do bring any questions you may have to your selection day..

We look forward to meeting you.

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