

## Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

| <b>Current published course related information</b> |   |  |
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| Course title  | Midwifery   |  |
| Award level   | BSc - Single honours only   |  |
| <b>How do you want to study?</b>                    |   |  |
| Start Date  | Sept 2020   |  |
| Modes of study                                      | Full-time   |  |
| Duration  | 3 years full-time   |  |
| UCAS code   | B720  |  |
| Location  | Canterbury, Medway  |  |
| Partner institution                                 | N/A   |  |
| Available with a Foundation Year                    | No  |  |
| <b>Overview</b>                                     |   |  |
|   | <p>Study to be a midwife, a unique role caring for women during one of the most important times in their lives.</p> <p>Our Midwifery course will develop your practical skills and knowledge required to care for women during pregnancy, labour and after birth.</p> <p>You'll be taught to question and critically evaluate practice and, in doing so, place women and families at the centre of care. The course is equally divided between University and the practice setting. During your practice placements, you'll be supported and assessed by midwives, who will guide your learning and development.</p> <p>The course provides you with the knowledge and skills to be eligible to apply to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).</p> |  |
| <b>Why study Midwifery?</b>                         |   |  |
|   | Our degree, which has been commended by the NMC, will develop your theoretical  |  |

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|  | <p>and practical knowledge and skills from day one, so that you have the experience and confidence to become a competent, compassionate and sustainable practitioner.</p> <p>You'll be immersed in midwifery practice right through the course and supported by academics and professionals with vast experience. From developing your practical skills in our simulation suites to working in real healthcare environments, you'll be exposed to many different situations and will care for pregnant women with varying needs. This experience will help to set you up for a lifelong career in midwifery.</p> <p>Throughout the course you'll gain the skills and confidence to enable you to work autonomously to promote normal birth, identifying changes in pregnancy which might require referral to other health and social care professionals and carrying out emergency procedures when necessary. You'll also be able to provide counselling and education for the woman and her family throughout pregnancy and childbirth, and promoting health in the community.</p> <p>You'll work with and learn alongside other health and social care students, so that you gain experience of working as part of a wider team of health professionals.</p> |  |
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| <p>Entry requirements</p> | <p>GCSE English language, mathematics and science at grade C/Level 4 or above and/or equivalent are required.</p> <p>A typical offer would be BBB at A2 level, or equivalent.</p> <p>Functional Skills Level 2 accepted.</p> <p>Offers of a place can only be made after a successful interview, and are subject to a satisfactory reference, health clearance and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.</p> <p>More information about entry requirements.</p>  |  |
| <p>About the course</p>   |   |  |
|                           | <p>Our degree will equip you to work as a midwife who can offer support, care and advice for women during pregnancy, labour and in the early postnatal period.</p> <p>You'll develop knowledge and understanding of current issues and challenges in midwifery practice and in the wider field of public health. In addition, you'll critically explore the law and ethics that underpin midwifery practice.</p> <p>You'll explore areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foundations of midwifery practice</li> <li>• politics and philosophy of midwifery</li> <li>• clinical skills</li> <li>• public health challenges in midwifery</li> <li>• caring for the woman with complex needs</li> <li>• complex neonate</li> <li>• law and ethics in midwifery practice</li> <li>• research and evidence based practice.</li> </ul> <p>You'll learn how to care for and nurture healthy newborn babies as well as those with complex needs, and will be introduced to pharmacology and pathophysiology within the context of pregnancy and childbirth.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foundations of midwifery practice</li> <li>• clinical skills</li> <li>• public health challenges in midwifery</li> <li>• Politics and philosophy of midwifery</li> <li>• caring for the woman with complex needs</li> <li>• complex neonate</li> <li>• law and ethics in midwifery practice</li> <li>• research and evidence based practice.</li> </ul> |

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|             | <p>Throughout the course, you'll be encouraged to question practice and place women and families at the centre of care.</p> <p>Clinical placements are an integral part of your studies; they allow you to put your knowledge and skills into practice in a real healthcare environment and learn alongside and from other healthcare professionals. To further develop your understanding of the different health and social care settings where care is provided to pregnant women, you'll also have the opportunity to undertake an elective placement, which may be either in the UK or abroad. For example, students have undertaken placements in Kerala, Ghana, Sri Lanka, as well as in mother and baby units and in fetal medicine in the UK.</p> | <p>Clinical placements are an integral part of your studies; they allow you to put your knowledge and skills into practice in a real healthcare environment and learn alongside and from other healthcare professionals. To further develop your understanding of the different health and social care settings where care is provided to pregnant women, you may also have the opportunity to undertake sampling placements and other experiences. For example, students have worked with GP teams, within women's refuges and rehabilitation centres and have visited the NMC, as well working within mother and baby units and in fetal medicine.</p> |
| Core year 1 |  |  |
|             | <p>Foundations of Midwifery Practice<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to introduce you to the role of the midwife throughout the childbearing continuum and facilitate the establishment and development of your professional identity. Specific midwifery content will be contextualised in contemporary issues and research and will relate to both mother and baby.</p>  |  |
|             | <p>Midwifery Clinical Skills<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to introduce you to the midwifery clinical skills required within practice to ensure the health and wellbeing of both the mother and her baby. You'll have the opportunity to practice essential midwifery skills such as abdominal palpation, medicines management and feeding assessments within a safe environment that supports learning whilst enabling the exploration of influencing</p>   |  |

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|             | factors within midwifery.   |   |
|             | <p>Politics and Philosophy of Midwifery<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to build on the foundation learning from both academic and practice settings in exploring the role of the midwife and how this positively relates to women and their families. You'll examine the impact of politics and how this influences the philosophy of midwifery models of care. You'll also examine what it means to be a midwife in terms of both the interprofessional and multicultural contexts of contemporary midwifery practice.</p>                              | <p>Public Health and Wellbeing<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to explore the concept of health promotion by considering the more complex aspects of the public health agenda. You'll develop the ability to appraise the impact public health issues such as domestic abuse, gender, poverty and mental health have, or could have, on women's lives and how these may influence midwifery practice.</p>   |
|             | <p>Anatomy and Physiology for Midwives<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will introduce you to normal anatomy and physiology of the human body and the fundamentals of fetal and neonatal physiology. This will help you understand how principles of human biology relate to the health of the mother and baby during the childbearing continuum. This will underpin essential knowledge and skills in practice.</p>   |   |
|             | <p>Practice 1<br/>Core module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>This is the practice element of your course and there is an assessed module each year. You'll be assessed on midwifery competencies by your practice assessor and you'll complete the Practice Assessment Document. This includes clinical skills, communication, planning and decision making, as well as recording your practice experiences. In addition, you'll receive supportive sessions in University to reflect on practice and enhance your practice skills. You will also need to complete a professional e-portfolio.</p> | <p>Practice 1<br/>Core module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>This is the practice element of your course and there is an assessed module each year. You'll be assessed on midwifery competencies by your practice assessor and you'll complete the Practice Assessment Document. This includes clinical skills, communication, planning and decision making, as well as recording your practice experiences. In addition, you'll receive supportive sessions in University to reflect on practice and enhance your practice skills. You will also need to complete a professional e-portfolio. Please see the Clinical Placements information section for more information on placement.</p> |
| Core Year 2 |   |   |
|             | Public Health and Wellbeing   | Politics and Philosophy of Midwifery  |

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|  | <p>Altered Health Conditions<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to develop your knowledge of biological processes and to cultivate an in depth understanding of pathophysiology and pharmacology, their application to the management of altered health conditions in pregnancy and the impact on sustainable living.</p>  |   |
|  | <p>Complex Midwifery Care<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to prepare you with in depth knowledge and skills for the role in the recognition and care of women with complex needs in the child-bearing continuum. You'll explore the wider implications of care, such as care planning, communication, interprofessional working, care of the newborn and relationships with the family.</p> |   |
|  | <p>Complex Neonate<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to prepare you to provide quality, effective care for the newborn and those that may develop complications in the neonatal period requiring additional support in transitional, special or high dependency care. Additionally, it aims to develop your knowledge and skills of the detailed newborn examination.</p>                     |   |
|  | <p>Practice 2<br/>Core module - (40 Credits)</p>   |   |

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| Core Year 3 |   |  |
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|             | <p>Leading Management and Change in Midwifery<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to facilitate your knowledge and understanding of leadership theory and to support the development of your own leadership qualities in midwifery practice.</p> <p>You'll have the opportunity to explore ways in which you can influence change and outcomes in clinical practice and gain an understanding of how and where leadership can occur.</p>             |  |
|             | <p>Research to inform Practice<br/>Core module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to help you develop your understanding of the skills needed to complete a literature review, empirical research study, or practice audit. You'll have the opportunity to explore a topic of particular interest to you and prepare a research proposal.</p>   |  |
|             | <p>Law and Ethics in Midwifery<br/>Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to enable you to practice effectively within the legal and ethical frameworks that underpin contemporary midwifery practice. There will be an introduction to the principles of medical law and the concept of ethics and influence on practice. This will include the pregnant woman's rights, litigation and accountability and will explore the concept of social justice.</p> |  |
|             | <p>Practice 3<br/>Core module - (40 Credits)</p> <p>This is the practice element of your course and there is an assessed module each year. You'll be assessed on midwifery competencies by your practice assessor and you'll complete the Practice Assessment Document. This includes clinical skills, communication, planning and decision making, as well as recording your practice experiences. In addition, you'll receive</p>   |  |

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## How you'll learn

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| <p>Teaching</p> | <p>Our three year full-time course is approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.</p> <p>During the course, you'll spend approximately 50% of your time undertaking academic study in University and 50% gaining clinical experience in a healthcare setting.</p> <p>You'll be taught by experienced staff who have a wide range of knowledge about contemporary midwifery issues and you'll be supported by a personal academic tutor who will guide you during the course.</p> <p>Our course is informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2022.</p> | <p>Our top priority within the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work is providing you with high-quality teaching and learning opportunities that enable you to successfully complete your programme of study. Due to Covid-19 things may seem a little different at University this September, as we are working hard to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community. We are doing everything possible to limit the impact of Covid-19 on your enjoyment of your studies. We are extending our blended Learning approach to teaching and learning that refers to learning design that purposefully, thoughtfully and effectively integrates on-site face-to-face and online learning opportunities, informed and driven by student needs. This will ensure you receive everything you need to be successful in your programme. We aim to increase your time on campus as and when the restrictions on physical distancing are lifted and it is safe and appropriate to do so. We look forward to supporting you throughout your studies with us, and welcoming new and returning students to the new academic year.</p> <p>Our three year full-time course is approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.</p> <p>During the course, you'll spend approximately 50% of your time engaged in academic study and 50% gaining clinical experience in a healthcare setting.</p> <p>You'll be taught by experienced staff who have a wide range of knowledge about contemporary midwifery issues and you'll be supported by a personal academic tutor who will guide you during the course.</p> |
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| <p>Clinical placements</p> | <p>You'll carry out clinical placements within the maternity services, and you'll experience the culture of the NHS and the roles and responsibilities of professional and support staff in different team settings.</p> <p>You'll be introduced to the concept of the nature of normality in childbirth and the importance of a woman-centred service. You'll engage in a range of professional activities associated with the role of the midwife and the organisation of services designed to support childbearing.</p> <p>Clinical practice will involve working 30 hours a week, plus 7.5 hours of reflection on clinical practice hours. Your shifts will include working weekends, bank holidays and night duties.</p> <p>On clinical placements, you'll be supported by experienced midwives and will have the opportunity to experience associated placement areas, for example, gynaecology, medical and surgical wards. You'll observe practice within acute care settings, which include critical care areas, for example, neonatal intensive care and special care baby units. Owing to the varied nature of placements, there may be a need for you to travel to and from placements within Kent and/or Medway and, in some cases, outside of the county.</p> | <p>You'll carry out clinical placements within the maternity services, and you'll experience the culture of the NHS and the roles and responsibilities of professional and support staff in different team settings.</p> <p>You'll be introduced to the concept of the nature of normality in childbirth and the importance of a woman-centred service. You'll engage in a range of professional activities associated with the role of the midwife and the organisation of services designed to support childbearing.</p> <p>Clinical practice will involve working 30 hours a week, plus 7.5 hours of reflection on clinical practice hours. Your shifts will include working weekends, bank holidays and night duties.</p> <p>On clinical placements, you'll be supported by experienced midwives and will have the opportunity to experience associated placement areas, for example, gynaecology, medical and surgical wards. You'll observe practice within acute care settings, which include critical care areas, for example, neonatal intensive care and special care baby units. Owing to the varied nature of placements, there may be a need for you to travel to and from placements within Kent and/or Medway and, in some cases, outside of the county.</p> <p><b>Updates for Applicants and Students on Health and Care Professional Programmes</b></p> <p>At Christ Church we are proud to provide our students with the confidence and experience to practice in an evolving and dynamic health care service enabling you to provide compassionate and evidence-based care to those who you are supporting and caring.</p> <p><b>Practice Learning Experiences</b></p> <p>All our Health and Social Care programmes which lead to professional</p> |
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|  |  | <p>registration, require practice learning experiences. These must take place in a wide variety of placement settings and will commence in your first year of study (or second year of study for those undertaking a 'programme with Foundation Year'). This is part of preparing you for the world of work and supporting you to succeed in your chosen profession.</p> <p>Most of these placement settings are within organisation providing care and support in local communities, hospital, and social care settings. These organisations routinely deliver care and support to individuals across the population, with a wide variety of health and social issues. In your studies, you will have placements with similar risk profiles to those faced by those in your chosen profession.</p> <p><b>Preparing you for placements</b></p> <p>Our priority is to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all our students while on placements.</p> <p>Before you can attend placement, the university will assist you to understand your own individual health risk profile, using a risk assessment of your fitness to attend placement. Where necessary, this includes Occupational Health Assessment, which may mean further action is required by you, or the university before you can be allowed into placement. This is because your health and wellbeing are extremely important to us.</p> <p>We work in partnership with our placement providers to support you into a safe practice learning experience. This means that your placement organisation will have risk assessments in place to provide a safe environment. We and placement providers follow Government</p> |
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|  |  | <p>health and safety advice, and you must comply with all local risk management requirements, to minimise risks whilst at the university and on placement.</p> <p><b>Covid 19 Impact</b></p> <p>You will be aware the Covid 19 pandemic has significantly changed our lives. It has affected all health and social care services. We will manage continuing Covid 19 risks in the way described above, using risk assessments, and government and professional guidelines which will change as the risks alter over time.</p> <p>The university will reserve the right to <b>cease placements for students</b> where risks are increased. This action will take account of advice, direct requests from Placement organisations, or Government, Professional, Statutory or Regulatory body guidance. If this occurs, we will make all reasonable efforts to enable you to complete your programme within the expected time frame. These reasonable efforts may require changes to the curriculum design and placement schedule.</p> <p><b>Students with high level risk profiles</b></p> <p>Some students may have, or may develop, personal or health circumstances that place them at greatly increased risk within placement setting, which cannot be reasonably managed. This level of risk may prevent you from completing your chosen programme. If this happens, we will discuss your study options with you. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An interruption until your circumstances change, and your risk is reduced</li> </ul> |
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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An interruption until additional health measures are available to reduce your risk (e.g., vaccination).</li><li>- Transfer to an alternative non health or care programme where we can manage your personal level of risk.</li></ul> <p><b>What do I need to do next?</b></p> <p>Applicants do not need to do anything in response to this communication. It is simply to keep you informed about the current situation.</p> |
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| <p>Independent study</p>      | <p>You'll need to undertake self-directed learning to support your studies at the University. This will include wide reading and the completion of activities such as workbooks to help you to develop in depth knowledge and understanding of midwifery.</p> <p>During your placements, you'll have independent learning time to reflect on your experiences. This will help you to embed the knowledge and skills you're developing and enable you to become a safe and competent midwifery practitioner.</p>   |  |
| <p>How you'll be assessed</p> |   |  |
|                               | <p>During your midwifery education, you'll be assessed by several different methods to reflect the diverse skills students need to develop for professional practice. These assessments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written essays</li> <li>• creative posters</li> <li>• written exams</li> <li>• practical exams</li> <li>• presentations</li> <li>• project work.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, throughout each year, you'll be assessed by a practice assessor in clinical placement. This will be an NMC registrant in practice as, in line with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements, students are graded for their practical, communication and caring skills. You'll also be expected to complete a personal e-portfolio which contains project work, reflective accounts and evidence of professional development. This will enable you to develop skills that are required post qualification in the NMC revalidation process.</p> |  |
| <p>Your future career</p>     |   |  |
|                               | <p>Following the successful completion of your studies there are lots of opportunities for you to develop your midwifery career. These include becoming a specialist midwife who cares for women with</p>   |  |

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|  | <p>complex medical and social circumstances for example: diabetic specialist midwife, bereavement specialist midwife or supporting women with mental health concerns.</p> <p>There are also opportunities to study further at Masters or PhD, become a research midwife or work abroad in cultures as diverse as Australia, Africa or Europe.</p>   |   |
| <b>Fees</b>                              |   |   |
| <b>Full-time</b>                         | <p>UK/EU £9,250</p> <p>Overseas £13,000</p>   |   |
| <b>Course specific costs</b>             |   |   |
|  | <p><b>Fob watch</b></p> <p>It is recommended that all students purchase a fob watch at a cost ranging from £1-£45 as wrist watches must not be worn in practice settings.</p> <p>For 2020/21 students eligible for and in receipt of tuition fee and maintenance support from the Student Loans Company are currently entitled to claim travel and accommodation expenses incurred over and above daily travel costs to university. The costs must be related to essential practice placements. Further information and guidelines can be obtained from the <a href="#">NHS Business Authority</a>.</p> <p>Overseas students, please note that there will be an additional fee per year of study for placement costs. The cost for 2020/21 will be confirmed soon. You will also be required to fund your own travel and accommodation costs.</p> | <p>Students will need to have access to a home computer, laptop or other digital device (that has the ability to connect to the internet) to engage with virtual / online sessions. Please contact <a href="mailto:l-zone@canterbury.ac.uk">l-zone@canterbury.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:studentwellbeing@canterbury.ac.uk">studentwellbeing@canterbury.ac.uk</a> for further advice and options.</p> <p>It is recommended that all students purchase a fob watch at a cost ranging from £1-£45 as wrist watches must not be worn in practice settings.</p> <p>For 2020/21 students eligible for, and in receipt of, tuition fee and maintenance support from the Student Loans Company are currently entitled to claim travel and accommodation expenses incurred over and above daily travel costs to university. The costs must be related to essential practice placements. Further information and guidelines can be obtained from the <a href="#">NHS Business Authority</a>.</p> <p>Overseas students, please note that there will be an additional fee per year of study for placement costs. The cost for 2020/21 will be confirmed soon. You will also be required to fund your own travel and accommodation costs.</p> |
| <b>Extra funding for health students</b> | <p>From September 2020, nursing, midwifery and many allied health students will be eligible to receive a government grant of at least £5,000 a year to help with living costs.</p>  | <p>From September 2020, nursing, midwifery and many allied health students will be eligible to receive a government grant of at least £5,000 a year to help with living</p>   |

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|                                    | <p>Eligible students may also be awarded additional funding up to £3,000 a year. This money will not need to be repaid.</p> <p>Find out more</p>  | <p>costs. Eligible students may also be awarded additional funding up to £3,000 a year. This money will not need to be repaid.</p> <p>Find out more</p> |
| <p>CCCU Advantage Package</p>      | <p>For programmes that qualify, the CCCU Advantage Package currently includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniforms</li> <li>• Disclosure &amp; Barring Service (DBS) check</li> <li>• Occupational Health costs, including immunisation</li> </ul> <p>Uniform (appropriate to the programme of study) and a placement badge are provided free of charge at the start of the course. If students wish to replace any item of uniform or secure additional items of uniform during the course (e.g. because it has been damaged or no longer fits) then they must order and pay for this directly with the supplier. There are certain exceptions to this, for example if the student becomes pregnant and requires maternity uniform. These exceptions are detailed in the faculty uniform policy here. Students will need to purchase suitable footwear for practice. NHS Trusts require shoes (not trainers) that meet health and safety requirements. Advice will be given by the lecturers on what to purchase after you have enrolled on your course.</p> <p>In addition to this, health students can apply and may be eligible for other University awards. Please visit our Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Support page to find out what's available.</p> <p>Please note: This Package is only available for students who are enrolling on a qualifying health programme in September 2020 on one of the qualifying programmes. We reserve the right to withdraw this package in the event of a student not successfully completing the enrolment process.</p> |   |
| <p>Other important information</p> |   |   |
| <p>Further entry</p>               | <p>Experience is desired which demonstrates</p>   |   |

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| <p>requirements</p> | <p>an understanding of the role of the midwife e.g. attendance at a midwifery conference/maternity open day, spending time with someone who has experience of midwifery.</p> <p>Essential personal skills are required including the ability to; articulate why you want to enter the profession, discuss some current issues in midwifery practice, demonstrate that you are caring and compassionate and communicate effectively with a variety of people.</p> <p>Recruitment for the Midwifery course considers values which are considered integral to the midwifery profession including being caring, able to communicate with people, as well as being respectful and compassionate. These values are also thought to be important in the wider NHS.</p> <p>During the shortlisting process and the interview you will need to be able to demonstrate that you have these skills in order to be considered suitable for the course and the midwifery profession.</p> <p>When selecting applicants, several factors are taken into account. These include evidence of some understanding of the role of the midwife and the challenges that this involves. It is suggested that candidates visit their local Maternity Unit or attend a maternity unit open day offered by the three Kent NHS Trust maternity units supporting this course.</p> <p>Relevant experience can also be obtained through volunteer placements, such as those offered by Volunteering Matters. Visit <a href="http://volunteeringmatters.org.uk">volunteeringmatters.org.uk</a> for information. However, actual experience within the maternity services is not required. Further understanding of the role and work of the midwife can be gained in several different ways, for example talking to midwives, and through accessing maternity/health focused websites.</p> |  |
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|  | <p>The personal statement is very important and you must say why you want to become a midwife and demonstrate your commitment to and understanding of the profession, particularly the role of the midwife in relation to women's health issues.</p> <p>Offers of a place can only be made after a successful interview, subject to satisfactory Occupational Health clearance and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.</p> |  |
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| <p>Professional accreditation</p> | <p>This midwifery course is subject to a conjoint approval between the University and the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Upon approval, it is further subject to monitoring processes by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council you must demonstrate good health and good character throughout your studies and on completion of the course. Applications for professional registration will be subject to satisfactory Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and Occupational Health clearance.</p> <p>In preparation for registration, the Lead Midwife for Education must be satisfied that you meet the relevant statutory regulatory body fitness to practise criteria. You will be required to sign an annual declaration of ongoing fitness to practise at regular intervals during the course. The Faculty of Health and Wellbeing has a fitness to practise policy and procedures which may be instigated should you demonstrate behaviour or conduct that falls short of that expected by the University and/or statutory regulatory body. For more details, visit <a href="http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/policies-procedures">www.canterbury.ac.uk/policies-procedures</a></p> <p>Midwives are regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) who have produced 'The Code', which sets out professional standards for midwives. The Code can be accessed via the website <a href="http://www.nmc.org.uk">www.nmc.org.uk</a></p> |  |
| <p>Industry links</p>             | <p>The NMC during previous reviews has noted that the midwifery education programme and the midwifery team at Christ Church has very close links with local NHS Maternity units which helps support students whilst undertaking their midwifery education.</p> <p>Students in placement must conform to NHS rules of appearance and conduct as set out by the placement provider/organisation.</p>   |  |

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| <p>Professional<br/>Foundation<br/>Year</p> | <p>We will consider your application for the main three-year professional programme. However, applicants may also be considered for a four-year option – i.e. the Health and Social Care Professional Programme with Foundation Year. The decision about your suitability will be made as part of the admissions process and if you are chosen to be interviewed for the Foundation Year option, this will be clearly stated in your Interview Offer Letter. Applications cannot be made directly to the Foundation Year and places are limited.</p> <p>Find out more about the Professional Foundation Year</p> |                 |
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