

When can I apply for the programme?

The Programme is open for applications every eighteen months.

See <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/job-search/nursing/midwifery/> for application details.

Where can I apply to undertake the programme?

The programme is provided by each of the following HSE Maternity Hospitals in collaboration with the relevant Education Body. *

- Cork University Maternity Hospital (Ireland South Women and Infants Directorate) in partnership with University College Cork.
- Galway University Hospital Group (Saolta Hospital Group) in partnership with University of Galway.
- Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda (RSCI Hospitals Group) in partnership with Dundalk Institute of Technology.
- University Maternity Hospital Limerick (UL Hospital Group) in partnership with University of Limerick.

*Higher Diploma in Midwifery HSE Sponsorship programme is also provided in Dublin in the Coombe Women's Maternity Hospital and the Rotunda Hospital in partnership with Trinity College Dublin (TCD); National Maternity Hospital, in partnership with University College Dublin (UCD). Please refer to their individual websites for information on eligibility, recruitment and advertisement.



How many maternity hospitals/Higher Education Bodies can I apply for?

Only one application is required. On the application form you will have the opportunity to identify your preference.

Will I have a permanent post at the end of my training?

Yes, candidates who successfully complete the programme will be guaranteed permanent contracts from their sponsoring area. Successful applicants for sponsorship will be required to give a written undertaking, that they will, following successful completion of the programme, work for the sponsoring agency for a minimum of 18 months.

Will I need to do an interview?

Yes, if shortlisted, you will be called for interview. The interview will be competency based with the competencies drawn from the job description and your experiences as a Student Nurse/Registered General Nurse.

What is the salary and working week of a Student on the Higher Diploma in Midwifery Programme?

Selected applicants will be offered a minimum 18 month contract of **paid** employment for the duration of the programme. The college fees for the programme are also paid by the HSE.

Each HSE sponsored student midwife will retain their current point on the staff nurse salary scale on entry into the programme (based on verified nursing service). Students will retain their incremental date and will be granted incremental credit (if applicable) during the programme.

The working week is that of a full-time member of staff (37.5 hour week). College hours are as assigned with full attendance required.

Why should I undertake the Higher Diploma in Midwifery Programme?

There are many reasons why you should consider a career as a midwife. It offers you the chance to **make a difference** from day to day.

You will be a **highly educated professional**, and in a career with **excellent employment opportunities** with many **choices** and possible **career pathways**.

Although the work and study can be challenging at times, you will be **well supported** in an environment that supports learning.

From the start of your training, you will **actively participate** in giving care appropriate to your level of knowledge and practical experience, with the **supervision** and **direction** of a registered midwife. In partnership with women, you will learn how to give professional support and advice.

In addition there are many benefits:

Salary paid during the Programme	√
Retain incremental credit date and privileges	√
College fees paid	√
Student access to all college facilities	√
37.5 hour rostered week	√
Retain annual leave entitlements	√
Permanent Position at end of training	√
Continuous Professional Development	√
Mentorship for new graduates	√
HSE Employee Assistance Programme EAP	√

Where can I get further information on being a student midwife, the sponsorship agreement, service commitment post training and additional information about individual Education Bodies?

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