

## Programme Descriptor Return to Midwifery Practice Programme

<b>Programme:</b>	Return to Midwifery Practice Programme
<b>Programme Coordinator:</b>	Registered Midwife Tutor
<b>Credits:</b>	NMBI Approved
<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On active RM register with Nursing and Midwifery Board Ireland (NMBI)</li> <li>• Have not worked in midwifery for a period of 5 years or longer</li> <li>• Meet Occupational Health and Garda clearance requirements</li> <li>• Successful completion of informal Return to Midwifery Practice interview</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Programme Description</b></p> <p>The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) strongly recommend that registered midwives who have been out of midwifery practice for a period of five years or more should complete an approved return to midwifery practice programme. The aim of this programme is to provide registered midwives who wish to return to midwifery practice with an educational opportunity to update and to further develop the knowledge and clinical skills which are necessary to practice as a competent and professional midwife.</p> <p>The Programme is divided into two parts:</p> <p><b>Part One:</b> The theoretical component of the programmes comprises of a minimum of one third of the programme duration and comprises of two modules of study aimed at augmenting programme participant’s previous knowledge and skills and is assessed by a written assignment.</p> <p><b>Part Two:</b> The Clinical Practice Placement comprises of a minimum of two thirds the programme duration and involves programme participants being assigned to a clinical practice area in a supernumerary status during which time they undergo competency assessment.</p>	
<p><b>Indicative Content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge Base for Midwifery Practice</li> <li>• Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues in Midwifery Practice</li> <li>• Practice Skills for Midwives</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Programme Outcomes</b></p> <p>At the end of this Programme, the participant should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfil the range of roles functions, responsibilities and activities that a midwife registered with the NMBI is educated, competent and has the authority to perform, as identified in the EC Directive 2005 (2005/36/EC)</li> <li>• Practice within the professional ethical and legal framework of midwifery.</li> <li>• Be lifelong reflective learners</li> </ul>	
<b>Indicative Learner Workload:</b>	<b>Indicative Hours</b>
Minimum Class Contact Hours	156hrs
Minimum Clinical Placement Hours	312hrs
	<b>Total 468 hrs</b>
Self-directed learning reflection and clinical experience is ongoing throughout the programme	