



# **Master of Science in Midwifery**

# **Information Session**

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# Fast Facts

Empowering midwives from Canada and around the world with the leadership, scholarship, and clinical knowledge needed to advance their contributions as a midwife, drive positive change and strengthen the midwifery profession.

- Launched in **2022** as Canada's first graduate degree in midwifery
  - Our **first graduates** completed the program in **Winter 2024**
  - Our **fourth cohort** of students will start **May 2025**
- Delivered primarily **asynchronously** and **online**
  - Only required in-person components are two residency weeks (in first year, and final year)
  - Residency week occurs the first full week of June (June 2 – 6, 2025)
- **Two program streams** available:
  - Course plus Capstone stream (2 years full-time, or 3 years part-time)
  - Thesis stream (2 years full-time)
- **May** program start (May 5, 2025)



# Hello from the Class of 2022



## Our Students

Our students represent over **25 different midwifery education programs.**

Our students have over **700 combined years of midwifery experience**, including:

- 1/3 with 2 – 5 years of experience,
- 1/3 with 6 – 10 years of experience,
- 1/3 with 11+ years of experience.

Our students have studied/practised in:

- **17 countries**, and
- **12 Canadian jurisdictions.**



# the Class of 2023



# and the Class of 2024!

# Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Science in Midwifery, students will be able to:

- **Critically evaluate** research methods and the validity of key assumptions and evidence,
- Apply theoretical knowledge to **plan, implement, and lead change** within health care settings to transform systems and achieve results,
- **Apply concepts of social justice** as a leader and to **promote equitable sexual and reproductive health care** that meets community needs,
- **Advocate for and lead expansion** of the role and contributions of midwives in health systems,
- **Communicate** effectively as a leader using both written and oral communication strategies,
- Apply knowledge to **evaluate initiatives in a health care setting** or conduct original research to advance scholarship within the field of midwifery, and
- Demonstrate **critical analysis and expertise** in a focus area of midwifery leadership (e.g., advanced practice, professional leadership, midwifery education, midwifery research).

# Program Requirements by Program Stream

<b>Core Courses</b>	<b>Residency 1</b> (MIDWIF 700)	<b>Leadership in the Midwifery Profession</b> (MIDWIF 700)	<b>Social Justice &amp; Systems Change</b> (MIDWIF 700)	<b>Foundations for Research in Midwifery Leadership</b> (MIDWIF 703)	<b>Residency 2</b> (MIDWIF 704)
	<i>Preparing for grad school</i>	<i>Leading self &amp; others</i>	<i>Driving change</i>	<i>Assessing change</i>	<i>Preparing to graduate</i>
<b>Streams</b>	<b>CAPSTONE</b>			<b>THESIS</b>	
<b>Electives</b>	12.0 units			6.0 units (at least 3.0 units of which must come from a research methods course, unless exempted)	
<b>Consolidation</b>	Capstone project			Thesis	

# The Master of Science in Midwifery Degree An Overview



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		SPRING / SUMMER TERM	FALL TERM	WINTER TERM
Full Time Thesis-Based	Year 1	MIDWIF 700* Residency 1 (1.5 units) Non-credit modules**	MIDWIF 701 Leadership in the Midwifery Profession (3.0 units) Elective or Research Elective (3.0 units)	MIDWIF 702 Social Justice & Systems Change (3.0 units) MIDWIF 703 Foundations of Research for Midwifery Leadership (3.0 units)
	Year 2	MIDWIF 704* Residency 2 (1.5 units) Elective or Research Elective (3.0 units)	MIDWIF 708 Thesis	MIDWIF 708 Thesis
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	Year 2	MIDWIF 704* Residency 2 (1.5 units) Elective (3.0 – 6.0 units)	Elective (3.0 – 6.0 units)	MIDWIF 707 Capstone portfolio
Part Time Course-Based	Year 1	MIDWIF 700* Residency 1 (1.5 units) Non-credit modules**	MIDWIF 701 Leadership in the Midwifery Profession (3.0 units)	MIDWIF 702 Social Justice & Systems Change (3.0 units)
	Year 2	Elective (3.0 units)	Elective (3.0 units)	MIDWIF 703 Foundations of Research for Midwifery Leadership (3.0 units)
	Year 3	MIDWIF 704* Residency 2 (1.5 units) Elective (3.0 units)	Electives (3.0 units)	MIDWIF 707 Capstone portfolio

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## SPRING / SUMMER TERM

## FALL TERM

### Online-Only

**MIDWIF 705/709\*** Independent Study I/II (3.0/1.5)

**MIDWIF 713\*** Adv. Midwifery Management of Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia (1.5)

**MIDWIF 714\*** Well-Infant Primary Care Beyond the Neonatal Period (1.5)

**MIDWIF 720** Community Centred Care (3.0)

**MIDWIF 721** Adv. Topics in Mental Health, Substance Use, and Concurrent Disorders (3.0)

**MIDWIF 722\*** Adv. Topics in Diabetes in Pregnancy (1.5)

**MIDWIF 705/709** Independent Study I/II(3.0/1.5)

**MIDWIF 715** Adv. Midwifery-Led Sexual and Reproductive Health Care (3.0)

**MIDWIF 719** Trauma and Violence-Informed Care (3.0)

**MIDWIF 723** Adv. Topics in Perinatal Mental Health (3.0)

### Placement

**MIDWIF 706/710** Leadership Placement (3.0/1.5)

**MIDWIF 730/1** Adv. Midwifery Clinical Practicum I/II (3.0)

**MIDWIF 732\*/3\*** Adv. Midwifery Clinical Practicum III/IV (1.5)

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### Hybrid

Online & In-Person Workshop

**MIDWIF 711\*** Point of Care Ultrasound in Maternity Care (1.5)

**MIDWIF 712\*** Surgical Assistant in Obstetrics: C-Section (1.5)



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# Program Eligibility

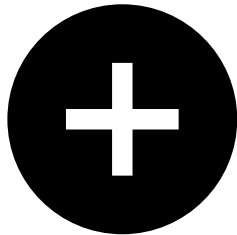
## Clinical Experience

2 years of full-time clinical experience as a practising midwife\*

OR

An equivalent amount of part-time experience (~ 1900 hours)\*

\* Not including time spent as a student or in training



## Education/Training Experience

A four-year honours undergraduate degree in midwifery (or its international equivalent)

OR

Qualified for registration as a midwife in a Canadian jurisdiction

OR

A four-year honours undergraduate degree (or its international equivalent) **AND** the additional training, diplomas/degrees, licensing, etc. that are required to be a Midwife within their local jurisdiction

### Includes:

- Graduates of a **Canadian Midwifery Education Program**
- **Internationally-trained midwives** with a degree in midwifery equivalent to a Canadian four-year (honours) bachelor degree

### Includes:

- **Indigenous Midwives** trained through a community-based Indigenous Midwifery Program
- Canadian **pre-legislation midwives**
- **Internationally-trained midwives** who completed a Canadian bridging program and are Registered Midwives in a Canadian jurisdiction

### Includes Internationally-trained Midwives with:

- A diploma in midwifery and a degree equivalent to a Canadian four-year (honours) bachelor degree
- A degree equivalent to a Canadian four-year (honours) bachelor degree and post-graduate credentials in midwifery

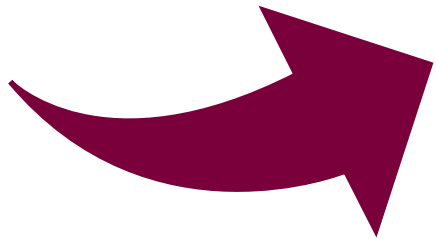
# Application Requirements

- A statement of interest
- Information on post-secondary educational history and academic transcripts
- A resume/curriculum vitae (CV)
- Contact information for three references
- Answers to a few program-specific questions within the online application system
- Information on English language proficiency
- A sample of their academic writing (thesis-stream applicants only)



# Online Application System

[applygrad.mcmaster.ca](https://applygrad.mcmaster.ca)



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# Program Resources

- School of Graduate Studies Academic Calendar, 2024-2025: [academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca](https://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca)
  - Policies and procedures of the School of Graduate studies.
- Graduate Studies Application Management: [applygrad.mcmaster.ca/apply](https://applygrad.mcmaster.ca/apply)
  - Complete your online application and track its process completion.
- University Registrar: [registrar.mcmaster.ca](https://registrar.mcmaster.ca)
  - Information on tuition, student fees, scholarships, important University deadlines, payments, etc.
- School of Graduate Studies: [gs.mcmaster.ca](https://gs.mcmaster.ca)
  - Resources, resources, resources!
- Master of Science in Midwifery: [midwiferymasters.mcmaster.ca](https://midwiferymasters.mcmaster.ca)



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