



Midwifery BSc (Hons)
Interview advice







Your interview event

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that when you apply to De Montfort University (DMU) you are given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

Why do we interview?

Our Interview Days are designed not only for us to assess your suitability for the course, but also to help you make sure you are choosing the right course. Universities interview in particular for courses where a specific skill set is required, or where the course is an accredited programme that leads to registration with a professional body.

What will happen on the day?

Prior to your interview, you will receive MS Teams links for a meet and greet session as well as your interview.

Additionally, you will be sent an article to read and discuss at your interview.

The interview will consist of a set of questions that will assess your attitudes, beliefs and values. You will be asked questions about the reading and research you've done on midwifery, helping us to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the course. Our interviews are also an opportunity for you to find out more, ask questions and make sure it's the right course for you.

How will the interview be structured?

In the morning you will have the opportunity to meet with midwifery tutors and student midwives. This will last approximately 90 minutes and is facilitated via MS Teams.

You will need to have your camera switched on and your audio will need to be working.

The second component of the selection event is an online interview. This will also be on MS Teams **and will last around 25 minutes**, you will be given a time for this.

We utilise a values-based approach to recruitment to assess your attitudes, beliefs and academic ability and will score your interview accordingly.

Who will be involved in the day?

You will be interviewed by two people - a midwifery academic and a clinical midwife from practice or a service-user representative.

Visit us to find out more

To find out more about the course and have the opportunity to view our facilities and speak with academic staff and current midwifery students, join us at an Open Day. Visit:

dmu.ac.uk/opendays

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What can I do to prepare for the interview?

- Before your interview, you will be emailed an MS Teams interview invitation. Please accept this and make a note of the date and time.
- We advise that you check your MS Teams link works correctly when you receive this and familiarise yourself with the software before your interview to avoid any last minute panics on the day.
- Think about some basic questions that may be asked at the interview and how you might answer them.
 For example, tutors may ask why you want to study the course, and why you want to study it at DMU.
- Your meet and greet session with both midwifery tutors and students will also give you an opportunity to ask questions so come prepared with questions you want to ask.
- Read widely around the subject of midwifery including newspaper articles, websites, journals and any other publications.

You need to be able to demonstrate that you understand what the course/career entails, but you will not be expected to have a detailed understanding of technical topics. The discussions will give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills needed by a student midwife.

Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information to construct your own opinion
- Willingness and the ability to analyse situations
- · Problem solving skills
- Good communication and interpersonal skills

Aside from course specific preparation you can also:

- Organise a practice interview for yourself; ideally the person interviewing you will be a teacher or careers adviser, but preferably not someone who knows you very well. This will help you to get experience talking about yourself and your work in an unfamiliar environment.
- Review your personal statement.
 Think about how you might expand on what you have written if asked to discuss it in more detail.

What happens if I am running late on the day?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable, so if you are running late on the day, please contact us on +44 (0) 116 207 8443 as soon as you are able to. In some instances, if you expect to be significantly late, we may be able to offer an alternative date. However, due to limited dates and the popularity of the course, this may not always be possible.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer additional time for any of the selection process activities that you are late for.



When will I hear if I have been successful?

We aim to make decisions as soon as possible after the interview. In most cases these are communicated to you via email and an update on the UCAS Hub within a week of you attending your interview. We will also be in touch within a week if we are unable to make a decision straight away.

Further information and advice

For lots more information and advice about the interview, including help to prepare for the interview go to: dmu.ac.uk/interviews

Non-academic requirements

If you are successful after your interview, you will be made an offer, which will be conditional based on you satisfying all academic and non-academic requirements as follows:

- · Self-Declaration Form clearance
- Enhanced DBS disclosure clearance
- · Occupational Health clearance

You must meet and fulfil all non-academic requirements before 17 August 2026. Failure to meet this deadline may result in your offer being withdrawn.

Due to the high demand for this course, once the course is full, offers will be made for the next available cohort.

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Don't forget...

- To conduct yourself professionally and dress smartly.
- To ensure that your laptop/computer and phone are fully charged and you have access to a power supply.
- To make sure you have tested your equipment to ensure it works and that you have a quiet space for your MS Teams interview to take place.
- To have a read of our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions.

During the interview...

- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident.
- Listen and consider your responses, try to ensure that you are not just giving yes/no answers.
- If you don't understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or to clarify.
- Be enthusiastic admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject.

Interview checklist

You will need to:

- · Have a pen and paper with you.
- Have one form of photo identification to show during your interview (for example a passport or driving license).

Additional support

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional support, please inform the Applicant Events team via email: applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 116 207 8443.

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