



**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?

You will receive information ahead of your interview on how to connect with us on Microsoft Teams (MS Teams), and will then be supported through the process by our academics. The interview will consist of a set of interview questions that will assess your attitudes, beliefs and values, as well as provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the course. It's also an opportunity for you to find out more about the course 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 an hour and 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 20 minutes, you will be given a time for this. Please do make sure that you log in on time for your interview.

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](https://dmu.ac.uk/opendays)



## Midwifery BSc (Hons)

The Midwifery interview process is designed to assess your suitability for the course and help you make the right decision for you. **The interview will be used as part of the selection process to determine whether you will be made an offer.**

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your interview and help you make the experience as positive and useful as it can be.

# Interview Advice

## What can I do to prepare for the interview?

- Before your interview you will be emailed a MS Teams interview invitation. Please accept this and make note of the date and time
- We advise that you familiarise yourself with MS Teams 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, magazines and any other publications that are relevant for your course.

As Midwifery is not a course taught at school or college, 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
- 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 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 UCAS Track 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](https://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 July 2024.** Failure to meet this deadline may result in your offer being withdrawn.

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



## 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 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 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 Interview Events Team via email: [applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:applicantevents@dmu.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)116 207 8443.

For further information about your interview event, please contact the Interview Events Team:

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