



## When can I apply for the programme?

The Programme is open for applications every eighteen months.:

<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 the following HSE Maternity Hospitals in collaboration with the relevant Education Body\*.**

- University Hospital Galway, ● Letterkenny University Hospital ● Mayo University Hospital, ● Portlinculla University Hospital ● Sligo University Hospital with University of Galway
- Cork University Maternity Group with University College Cork ● University Maternity Hospital Limerick with University of Limerick ● Our Lady Of Lourdes Drogheda and ● Cavan General Hospital with Dundalk Institute of Technology.

\*The Higher Diploma in Midwifery HSE Sponsorship programme is also provided in Dublin in the Coombe Hospital and the Rotunda Hospital in partnership with Trinity College Dublin (TCD); and 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.

## What happens at the end of my training?

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 a competency based interview. The competencies are drawn from the job description and your Registered General Nurse experience.

## 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 every day.

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

Although the work and study can be challenging at times, you will be **well supported** in an environment that supports **clinical and academic** 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 provide safe, competent, kind, compassionate and respectful care.

In addition there are many benefits:

Salary paid during the Programme	✓
Retain <b>incremental</b> credit date and privileges	✓
College <b>fees</b> paid	✓
Student access to all <b>college</b> facilities	✓
<b>37.5</b> hour <b>rostered</b> week	✓
Retain <b>annual leave</b> entitlements	✓
Continuous Professional <b>Development</b>	✓
Mentorship for new graduates	✓
HSE Employee Assistance Programme <b>EAP</b>	✓

**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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## **References**

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