MSc Advanced Midwifery Practice FAQs

1. **How many study days do I need to attend?**
   For Distance Learning, the equivalent time is spent on teacher facilitated online activities. In addition to these ‘taught’ sessions you are expected to self-study (read, research and complete written assessments) for approximately a day per week, per module, although this varies week to week.

   Promoting Normal Childbirth = 9 half days plus tutorials (optional)
   Facilitating Complex Childbirth = 9 half days plus tutorials (optional)
   Research proposal = 6 days
   Major project = 4 days.
   Optional module (one module only) = 8 - 20 days depending on which one you choose. There are a range of face to face and distance learning options to choose from.

2. **What are the dates for the modules?**
   You will find the dates for the individual modules by going into the website, click on ‘Study with us’, then click on ‘Continuing professional development’ then search for the module by title. If you cannot find the required info here, please contact the course team directly.

3. **How long is the course?**
   Generally speaking the course is 14 months full time and 26 months part time. The course length will depend however on how your course plan works out. For example, you may have already completed modules that can be used towards the course. Also, depending on when and where your optional module choice is delivered, the remaining compulsory modules will need to fit around it. This will affect the overall length of the course. Please contact the course leader if you wish to get a clearer picture of what your course plan might look like if you were to consider applying.

4. **What are my funding options?**
   Funding options are; employer funding (by negotiation with the Trust who employ you), or self funding (this can either be directly paying your fees yourself, or by taking a loan for postgraduate study from Student Finance England). Alternatively a mixture of both. In addition, there are sometimes opportunities to apply for sponsorship from charities for example the Florence Nightingale Foundation and The Iolanthe Midwifery trust for study.

5. **Can I do all my modules in my choice of campus?**
   Most modules are delivered face to face from the Chelmsford campus. Some option modules are available on the Cambridge campus by negotiation. The course leader will try to ensure that all your modules are delivered at your choice of campus. In addition, all core modules and some option modules are available to undertake via flexible distance learning.

6. **How long have I got to complete the course?**
   You have up to 5yrs to complete the course although your course plan will be structured so that you complete your modules as early as possible within the 5yr timeframe. This will allow for time left over in case it’s needed for personal or academic reasons.
7. **Does the MSc Advanced Midwifery Practice course lead to midwifery registration or NMC award?**

This course does NOT lead to midwifery registration in the UK, or to NMC award. The available qualifications are PG cert, PG Dip and MSc, depending on how much of the course is completed.

For Non UK practicing midwives there is the opportunity to undertake an optional module; Contemporary UK healthcare practice, which involves an observational clinical placement, however this does not lead to NMC registration in the UK.

8. **Do I have to complete the full Masters course?**

No, there is the option to step off the course after completion of 60 credits (so with promoting normal childbirth and facilitating complex childbirth) and be awarded PGCert Advanced Midwifery Practice, or 120 credits (following the above two modules, research proposal module and an option module) and gain PGDip Advanced Midwifery Practice. Or complete the major project as well and be awarded the full MSc.

9. **Do I need to be a UK registered Midwife to complete the course?**

Whilst you don’t need to be a UK registered midwife to complete the course, you do need to have at least one year’s experience working as a midwife, or equivalent. As noted, this course will not gain you entry to the NMC register in the UK as a midwife, it is an academic qualification designed to enhance your practice.