



Programme change proposals

At York each degree programme has its own, tailored set of distinctive learning outcomes. These won't change, no matter what your location or mode of delivery, and our academics are working hard to ensure your programmes and modules next year continue to inspire and motivate you.

Your health and safety is our number one priority and in light of the Covid-19 pandemic we have needed to make changes to some of your programmes of study for the coming academic year. This document summarises the changes that are proposed.

Programme(s)	<u>BA (Hons) Midwifery Practice Programme</u>
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Summary of Overall Plans

Below is a summary of the modifications which have been made to the first year of the BA (Hons) Midwifery Practice programme due to the COVID-19 situation.

The content of the midwifery programme will remain 50% theory and 50% practice. The majority of the theory content for the academic year 20/21 will be delivered at a distance (online). There will be a combination of online delivery methods such as lectures which will be pre-recorded and accessed through the module Virtual Learning Environment (VLE); individual and small group teaching activities; and whole cohort live sessions. Throughout all modules you will have the opportunity to engage with the Module Leader in relation to the module content and assessment. All online activities that take place live will be recorded in order for you to access them as needed.

Students will be invited to engage in learning in a variety of ways. When learning can not be delivered online for example, mandatory training and clinical skills, these teaching activities will be delivered face-to-face and these sessions will be added to your timetable. Any face-to-face sessions will take place in small groups to ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to. Therefore, as these sessions will need to be facilitated more than once, extended hours to the usual university teaching day may be necessary on occasions.

We will be continuing to assess students through a combination of essays and online exams, and specific assessment plans will be available at the start of each module.

The opportunity for you to gain experience in clinical practice will commence at the beginning of the Spring term. This has been scheduled slightly later than originally planned in order for you to

undertake mandatory training and for you to have the opportunity to undertake clinical skills simulation before commencing your practice placement.

In addition to the support you will receive from The Midwifery Education Team during your theory modules, you will also receive support through individual Personal Supervision meetings, which will be held at a distance (online).

We will continue to review the situation, with the hope that we are able to move toward more face-to-face activity in the Spring and Summer terms, should circumstances allow.

Programme Structures

Below is a summary of the changes that have been made to theory and practice modules for your first year (academic year 2020/21). The content of the first year modules you will study remain unchanged; however the timings of the modules and sessions have had to be altered to accommodate face-to-face teaching and learning opportunities for you before you commence your practice placement.

The first theory module you will study, Foundations for Midwifery Practice 1 (FMP1): Antenatal Care, will run for a shorter time (8 weeks) in the Autumn term. Your second module, Foundations for Midwifery Practice 2 (FMP2): Postnatal Care, will be brought forward from the Spring Term to the Autumn term. The clinical skills activities usually delivered within these modules will move to a timetabled 'skills period' at the start of the Spring Term, combined with mandatory training.

The start of your first clinical practice module, Midwifery Practice 1 and 2 (MP1 and 2), will be delayed to the Spring term for the reasons outlined above. Alongside MP1 and 2 In the Spring Term you will study The Transition to Professional Self module which originally spanned the Spring and Summer terms, and will now run over a shorter period of time to accommodate the changes made to the scheduling of your practice modules.

Finally, in the Summer term you will study the theory module Foundations for Midwifery Practice 3 (FMP3): Intrapartum Care and you will also continue the longer practice module MP1 and 2.

Further changes or information of note

These programme modifications are subject to current and future Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements, standards and guidance and may be subject to change. Modifications will also be informed by Government and University guidelines and regulations in relation to social distancing.

Additionally, due to COVID-19, the NMC Standards for Supervision and Assessment (SSA) were introduced sooner than planned in line with the NMC [Emergency Standards for Nursing and Midwifery](#) and we have been working with your placement providers since March 2020 to

implement these standards. The SSSA model of student supervision will remain for the duration of your programme.

Further information about these standards can be found [here](#).