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# Midwife



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## About the role

Midwives provide support to women before, during and after childbirth making sure babies receive the care they need at the earliest stages of life.

“A lot of people think midwifery is just about looking after babies. The word ‘midwife’ means ‘with woman’. I support and care for women for the nine months they are pregnant, during labour and postnatally, once baby is born.”

– Midwife

### Did you know?

The nursing and midwifery workforce is the largest staff group in NHSScotland.<sup>(1)</sup>

#### → You can get into this career through:

1. a midwifery degree programme
2. a return to practice programme

#### ☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- working in a team
- communicating with people
- problem-solving skills
- critical thinking skills
- helping people

When you've successfully completed an approved midwifery degree programme, you can register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). If you're returning to practice as a midwife, you'll need to apply for readmission to the register at the end of your course.

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#### References:

1. ISD Scotland, NHSScotland workforce data, June 2019



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