

# Job of The Week

## Midwife

### Key Skills

- knowledge of medicine and neonatal care
- sensitivity and understanding
- knowledge of psychology
- customer service skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail

### Salary

£27,055 - £47,672

### Working hours

35 – 40 a week

You could work evenings/  
weekends / bank holidays

On shifts

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## Apprenticeship

You can do a midwife degree apprenticeship. This typically takes 48 months to complete and includes learning on the job and studying at an approved university.

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree a degree apprenticeship..

## University

You can do a degree in midwifery as long as it's approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. If you already have a degree that is not in midwifery, you can do a postgraduate midwifery course to become a midwife. You may be able to get additional student financial support through the NHS Learning Support Fund.

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or equivalent, including English, Maths and science
- 2 or 3 A levels, including a science, or a level 3 diploma or access to higher education in health, science or nursing
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate.

## Post 16

The following subjects would be a good idea to take at A Level/ BTEC

- Health and Social Care
- Sciences
- Psychology
- Sociology

## Other Routes

If you're a registered adult nurse you may be able to take a conversion course to become a midwife. These usually take between 18 and 24 months.

## Career path and progression

You must renew your Nursing & Midwifery Council registration every 3 years to show you're keeping your skills up to date.

You could take further training to specialise in areas like ultrasound or neonatal care. With experience, you could become a ward manager or team leader. You could also train to become a health visitor, a director of midwifery or midwifery consultant.

## Day to Day tasks:

- advise pregnant women and check they are healthy
- run classes about pregnancy and parenting
- manage labour and deliver babies
- advise on ways to manage pain during labour
- give advice after the baby is born
- visit homes to check on parents and the baby

## Working conditions

You could work at a client's home, at a health centre, at a GP practice or in an NHS or private hospital.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.

You may need to wear a uniform

# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.  
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Midwives	
Weekly Pay <b>£770</b>	Annual Pay <b>£40,040</b>
Hours/Week <b>35h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£22</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>6.9%</b>	Replacement <b>52.8%</b>
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 4,000 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 30,200 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Health Public admin. &amp; defence</p>	
<a href="#">More info</a>	<a href="#">Clear card</a>

Medical radiographers	
Weekly Pay <b>£850</b>	Annual Pay <b>£44,200</b>
Hours/Week <b>37h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£23</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>6.9%</b>	Replacement <b>52.8%</b>
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 2,200 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 16,700 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Health Public admin. &amp; defence Residential care</p>	
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Nurses	
Weekly Pay <b>£780</b>	Annual Pay <b>£40,560</b>
Hours/Week <b>36h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£22</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>6.9%</b>	Replacement <b>52.8%</b>
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 6.9% over the period to 2027, creating 53,400 jobs. In the same period, 52.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 407,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Health Residential care Social work Public admin. &amp; defence Education</p>	
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Midwives deliver, or assist in the delivery of babies, provide antenatal and postnatal care and advise parents on baby care. They work with other healthcare professionals, and advise on and teach midwifery practice.

Common tasks in this job:

- monitors condition and progress of patient and baby throughout pregnancy;
- delivers babies in normal births and assists doctors with difficult deliveries;
- monitors recovery of mother in postnatal period and supervises the nursing of premature and other babies requiring special attention;
- advises on baby care, exercise, diet and family planning issues;

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## Medical radiographers

Medical (diagnostic) radiographers operate x-ray machines, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging and other imaging devices for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, assist in the diagnosis of injuries and diseases and are involved in intervention procedures such as the removal of kidney stones. They operate under the supervision of senior staff. Therapeutic radiographers specialise in the planning and administration of radiotherapy treatment for patients with cancer.

Common tasks in this job:

- uses a range of imaging devices for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes;
- assesses patients and interprets clinical requirements to determine appropriate radiographic treatments;
- verifies identity of patient and ensures that necessary preparations have been made for the examination/treatment;
- decides length and intensity of exposure or strength of dosage of isotope;

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## Nurses

Nurses provide general and/or specialised nursing care for the sick, injured and others in need of such care, assist medical doctors with their tasks and work with other healthcare professionals and within teams of healthcare workers. They advise on and teach nursing practice.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists medical doctors and works with other healthcare professionals to deal with emergencies and pre-planned treatment of patients;
- manages own case load;
- monitors patient's progress, administers drugs and medicines, applies surgical dressings and gives other forms of treatment;
- participates in the preparation for physical and psychological treatment of mentally ill patients;

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# Keep looking...

Use these links to learn more about our Job of The Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

## Useful Websites

[Registration - The Nursing and Midwifery Council \(nmc.org.uk\)](https://www.nmc.org.uk)

[Getting experience | Health Careers](#)

[Midwife | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Midwifery \(ucas.com\)](https://ucas.com)

[How to become a midwife | Health Careers](#)

[Part of the Inspire Education Group | Stamford College](#)

## Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

### About Midwifery



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp3Rp65Z\\_o&pp=ygUJbWlkd2lmcXJ5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp3Rp65Z_o&pp=ygUJbWlkd2lmcXJ5)

### Maternity department tour



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlXtuVA9UP8&pp=ygUJbWlkd2lmcXJ5>

### Life as a Midwifery Degree Student



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqrxYFa9uS0&pp=ygUhYSBkYXkgaW4gdGhllGxpZmUgb2YgYSBtaWR3aWZlIHVr>

### Day in the Life - Maternity Department



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w234rYQGD0&pp=ygUhYSBkYXkgaW4gdGhllGxpZmUgb2YgYSBtaWR3aWZlIHVr>

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