



The Faculty of Allied Health, Midwifery, Social Care and Education is a unique collaboration between two institutions, Kingston University and St George's University of London. Students belong to both institutions, having access to two learning resource centres and student support services and organisations <http://www.healthcare.ac.uk/>

The Faculty provides education and training for a range of professional groups including nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, radiography, rehabilitation, occupational therapy, social work and education, as well as a range of continuing personal and professional development programmes.

The Midwifery Department is situated on the St. George's Campus in Tooting South West London.

Midwifery programmes are regulated by the professional body, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to meet national and international standards - European Union Midwives Directive (80/155/EEC Article 4) and are subject to review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education: (QAA)<http://www.nmc-uk.org/>

The Midwifery Programmes:

BSc (Hons) or PG Dip 3 year full time pre-registration programme – intake of approximately 65 students per year.

BSc (Hons) or PG Dip 85 week full time programme for Registered Nurses - intake of approximately 15 students per year.

Both programmes are modular and students gain credits throughout the programme.

Students are assessed in both theory and practice.

Clinical experience is gained in maternity units in the local healthcare Trusts: Epsom and St Helier, Kingston, Croydon and St George's. Three year students have placements in 2 maternity units. Year 1 & 2, Site 1. Year 3 Site 2.

Students have a variety of placements on each site including the birthing unit, the delivery suite, and the community, in the neonatal unit and on the antenatal and postnatal care wards.

There are also short placements in A&E, theatre, paediatrics and gynaecology for the direct entry students. Year 3 allows for a two week visit to another maternity setting. Previous students have visited New York, the Netherlands, Uganda, Australia, Burma and Ethiopia.

Visiting students:

After orientation to the Faculty and the Midwifery Department students will observe practice at two of our affiliated clinical sites - St. George's and Kingston.

A programme of activities will be provided for visiting students which incorporates study sessions, reflective sessions and clinical placement in a specified maternity unit, working full days with midwifery staff. This may include allocation to delivery suite, midwifery led units, antenatal and postnatal care and community. All clinical placements are planned and co-ordinated with the Clinical Practice Facilitators in the maternity units. Visiting students will work alongside midwives at all times and will be observers of practice.

St George's Tooting

<https://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk/service/maternity-services/>

Kingston

<http://www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk/departments-services/clinicalservices/maternity.aspx>

Students will need to travel between the clinical sites. Travel links are good. Kingston

Maternity Unit is a 40 minute bus ride from St. George's.

Students visiting from New York

Programme outline

Day 1: Introductory Day in the Midwifery Department at St George's

Days 2, 3, 4: Group A Students allocated to Maternity Unit at St George's

Group B Students allocated to Kingston Maternity Unit

Day 5: am only in Midwifery Department: Reflection on Practice experiences

Weekend free

Day 6: Day off (to facilitate a long weekend should students wish to travel)

Day 7, 8, 9: Group B Students allocated to Maternity Unit at St George's

Group A Students allocated to Kingston Maternity Unit

Day 10: am only reflection, and evaluation and Bon Voyage!

What to wear?

Mufti (smartish clothes) will be fine-

Shirts, short sleeve tops - Units have a 'bare below the elbow' policy, so no watches or bangles.

No jewellery apart from small stud earrings. No nail polish.

Trousers or a skirt.

Shoes - not flip flops or sandals.

Headscarves – plain and dark coloured.

If you are working in a labour setting or theatre during your visit the units provide 'scrubs'.

Accommodation

Accommodation in the area is quite expensive.

Previous students have used Airbnb

Food

There are a variety of places to eat within St George's ranging from coffee shops to staff restaurants. There is a mini supermarket within the hospital and within a five minute walk a busy high street with a variety of shops, banks and restaurants. Local restaurants are varied, and economical.

Travel

Travel links are good. Tooting is served by the underground (the 'tube') and buses. Main line rail links are a short bus journey.

<http://www.sgul.ac.uk/about-st-georges/how-to-get-to-st-georges>

Information and journey planners are available at Transport for London

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/default.aspx>

Central London can be accessed easily by tube for sightseeing. Rail links enable students to travel to other parts of the country, previous students have chosen to visit Stonehenge and Bath, and some went to Paris on the Eurostar.

General requirements

Forms

Students will be required to complete forms for Health Clearance, application for Identity badges and temporary enrolment, and provide a Criminal Records Bureau/Police check