



Interview Guidance Notes.

BSc (Hons) Midwifery.

**University of
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Congratulations, you have successfully been selected for an interview at the University of Northampton. The interview process will be kept as informal as possible and is aimed at helping us to get to know you and help you decide whether this is the right course for you.

Checklist

| To do | Done |
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| 1. Read this document thoroughly as important instructions are included. | |
| 2. Respond to your interview invite (as detailed below). | |
| 3. Email your qualifications/certificates to admissions (more information below). | |
| 4. Make a note of your interview date and time in your calendar. | |
| 5. Preparation for interview, please see the details below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read two articles. Prepare one PowerPoint slide and send it to us at least 24hr before your interview date (more information below).• Prepare a non-clinical skill to teach.• You may bring a calculator with you. | |
| 6. Documents you will need to bring with you on the day are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ID (photographic) – more information below.• Copies of qualifications or certificates (originals are <i>not</i> required). | |
| 7. Plan your journey, make sure you know where you're going and how you're getting here. | |
| 8. Put in a request for reasonable adjustment(s), if applicable. | |

Before your interview

Accept your interview

Please accept your interview date through UCAS.

If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the day we have scheduled, please email interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk prior to your interview date and include your UCAS ID. A new date, if available, will be scheduled for you within two working days. Please check your UCAS Track for updates.

Provide Qualifications and Certificates

Before your interview please email your certificates to myqualifications@northampton.ac.uk (original documents are not required). We require the following:

- GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science certificates
- A Levels or Level 3 qualification certificates (if already completed)
- If you have any equivalent level 2 qualifications, then please email these to myqualifications@northampton.ac.uk so that they can be checked

If you are not able to email your certificates, they can be posted to the Admissions Office, University of Northampton, Newton, St Georges Avenue, Northampton, NN2 6JB. Alternatively, you can always bring them with you to our Waterside Campus on the day of your interview.

Interview details

Arrival and structure of the day

The time listed on your interview invite is your **arrival time**. This is set as 30 minutes before your interview start time, so you can complete registration and have a chance to get settled before you are taken for your interview.

Should you be running late / unable to attend on the day please let the [Interviews Team](#) know as soon as possible. If you arrive after this time you may be unable to participate, and you will need to reschedule your interview.

On arrival please **report to the Interview Registration Desk** on the ground floor of the [Learning Hub](#).

During the day, you will be able to take a tour of the Campus, speak to current students about what it's like to study here, view on-campus accommodation, visit the Students' Union and drop in with our Student Services team and Employability team to get your queries answered. Our cafés and restaurants will be open for you to grab a bite to eat throughout the day and the town centre is a short 10 minutes walk through Becket's Park so be sure to explore during your visit.

Guests are welcome to accompany you to campus and will need to collect a visitor pass when you arrive at registration. Our tours, drop ins and cafés will be available for them to make use of whilst they wait for you to finish your interview.

Guided campus tours

If you would like a guided campus tour during your visit, this is available at 11.30am. Please register via the link below for the tour. Details of where to meet your tour guide will be included in your tour registration confirmation email.

Please **click the time below to register** for the tour:

[11.30am](#)

Photographic identification

You will need to show photographic identification at registration (Interview Registration Desk, ground floor, Learning Hub). The documents most commonly used are:

- Original valid passport
- Photographic drivers licence card

What to expect

Mini-Interview

- There will be four mini-interview (MMI) stations which are led by a current Student Midwife, a Senior Lecturer from the University of Northampton and a Senior Midwife from a partner NHS Trust. Each MMI station will assess different attributes of candidates.
- The actual interview process will last approximately 25 minutes. Whilst you are waiting for your turn, there may be opportunity to explore and familiarise yourself with the campus and its facilities. It is anticipated that the last round of interviews will be finished by 16:30.
- You will find useful links below to help you consider some key issues in healthcare which form the basis for each of the workstations.
- One of the work stations will assess numeracy skills and **you may bring a calculator with you** to assist with this but you will not be able to use a mobile phone.

- There are two tasks that require you to prepare work in advance of the interview. **Please read the guidance below carefully and follow the instructions.**

Your interview day is expected to finish by 5pm at the latest.

Essential preparation for interview

1. Task One

- Please **find and read two articles** or news items that have been published in a reputable source within the last three years that discuss service users' experiences of maternity and midwifery care.
- In response to these articles you must **prepare one PowerPoint slide** which illustrates the factors that have negatively and/or positively impacted on the service users journey.
- You must then **email this slide** as an attachment to Midwifery2019@northampton.ac.uk **at least 24 hours in advance** of your interview date and be prepared to answer questions about it on the day.
- You should **put your name and the date of your interview** in the subject bar of your email so that it is easily accessible to interviewers.
- Please also print off and **bring with you a paper copy** of your PowerPoint slide.

2. Task Two

- For one of the MMI stations you will be asked **to teach the interviewer a non-clinical skill** and you will have five minutes in total to complete this task.
- You can choose any skill that you think is appropriate, but you should consider that there is limited space and there will be other interviews taking place in the same room at the same time.
- If you need **any equipment, you must bring this with you.**
- You are being assessed on your ability to communicate and interact with other people and not how complex or technically proficient you are at the task you are teaching.
- Examples of tasks that have been used before include: how to fold a piece of paper (origami) or napkin; calligraphy; sign language; simple yoga poses or breathing exercises.

Useful links

You may find the following links helpful in preparing you for the discussions that will take place as part of the interview process:

- This [You Tube video](#) explains the main concepts behind the NHS Constitution (2015).

- In addition, there are useful links on our website, on the [midwifery webpages](#).

Visit the Nursing and Midwifery Council ([NMC website](#)) which has information about the professional standards required of midwives. You may also find the following websites interesting:

- [NHS Constitution](#)
- [BBC – Health](#)
- [England NHS](#)
- [Department of Health](#)
- [Royal College of Midwives](#)

Choosing a clinical host site

At the interview you will be asked to state a preference as to which of our partner NHS Trusts you would like to be placed with for your clinical placements. You may find visiting their websites helpful:

- [Northampton General Hospital](#)
- [Kettering General Hospital](#)
- [Milton Keynes Hospital - http://www.mkhospital.nhs.uk/](#)

Choosing a cohort

At the interview you will be asked to state a preference as to which cohort you would like to join. We are currently recruiting for students to start in **September 2019** and **April 2020**.

Other documentation

For some courses it is necessary to obtain further documentation from you to complete enrolment, such as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) documents.

If you accept your offer, and if we need you to provide this information or evidence, we will email you at a later date with details on how to provide the information or the evidence.

How to get here and travel information

For information on transport options, please visit our [website](#).

Special Park and Ride interview day discount

Applicants attending an interview and their guests can receive a discounted Park and Ride fare to travel to campus on the day of their interview. The discounted rate is £1.20 per person for a return journey. Cash and contactless payments are accepted. Parking is free of charge. In order to claim this discount, when you arrive at the Park and Ride car park, you will need to **report to the security cabin, show your interview invite email and collect your Interview Pass**. Please ensure you leave enough time to do this as there may be queues during peak periods (between 11am and 2.30pm).



The image to the left shows the security cabin that you need to look out for. It is near the entrance to the car park. **You must show your Interview Pass to the bus driver on both your journeys to gain your discounted travel so please keep it with you.**

If you cannot show your interview invite email at the security cabin at the Park and Ride car park, they will not be able to issue you with an Interview Pass and you and your guests will need to pay the full fare.

The address for the Park and Ride is:

Claret Car Park and Saints Car Park, Edgar Mobbs Way, Sixfields, Northampton, NN5 5JR.

The buses run every 10 minutes (Monday – Friday) and depart from Edgar Mobbs Way (not from inside the car parks). It's approximately a 2.3 mile journey to the University. For the full timetable visit the [Uno Bus pages](#).

Requests for reasonable adjustment

It is the policy of the University of Northampton that candidates should not be prejudiced as a result of any disability and reasonable adjustments will be made to mitigate unfair discrimination. Therefore, all candidates with disabilities are encouraged to identify and/or request support for actual or potential circumstances in advance. Please contact admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk.

Please note you will be required to provide suitable medical evidence that confirms the nature of your condition and the need for adjustment.