

# INFORMATION PUBLICATION

applies for students enrolled in the 2020/2021 academic year

FIRST-CYCLE PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY PROGRAMME

## MIDWIFERY

### 1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDY PROGRAMME

First-cycle professional higher education study programme *Midwifery* lasts 3 years (6 semesters) and comprises a total of 180 credits under the ECTS. After completing the programme, the graduate is awarded the professional title *diplomirana babica (VS)* or *diplomirani babičar (VS)*, abbreviation: *dipl. bab. (VS)*.

ISCED:	Health care (72)	SOK:	SOK level 7
KLASIUS-P:	Midwifery (7232)	EOK:	EOK level 6
KLASIUS-P-16	Nursing and midwifery (0913)	EOVK:	First-cycle
FRASCATI:	Medical sciences (3)		

### 2. Basic programme goals and general competences acquired with the programme

The basic goal of the professional higher education study programme *Midwifery* is to train a specialist in the field of gynaecology and reproductive health care: prenatal, perinatal and postnatal levels.

The professional higher education study programme *Midwifery* is based on:

- midwifery activities laid down by EU sectoral directives,
- the principles of European higher education (Bologna Declaration),
- The Higher Education Act of the Republic of Slovenia,
- the needs of the population; upon taking into account modern trends in the development of the profession and anticipated needs in the future,
- previous work and experience of graduate midwives and other health professionals in the field,
- the WHO guidelines on health protection and promotion (WHO goals for the 21st century), initiatives of professional organizations (International Confederation of Midwives - ICM, European Association of Midwives - EMA, Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Section of Nurses and Midwives).

After successful completion of the study programme, a graduate midwife is qualified for the following:

- health promotion, family planning counselling, reproductive health protection and the provision of appropriate referral information,
- counsel, assist and care for women with gynaecological problems,
- draw up and implement programmes of parenthood preparation and health education on healthy lifestyle and avoidance of risk factors for this population group,
- monitor the normal course of pregnancy, carry out the necessary tests and monitor the condition of the foetus using appropriate clinical methods and means,

- identify high-risk pregnancies based on appropriate tests and counsel within the competence: referral to specialists in case of pathological pregnancy and participation in team treatment of pregnant women,
- counsel and assist women during pregnancy, at childbirth and during postnatal period,
- conduct a normal birth, perform an episiotomy and provide emergency medical care during childbirth if no doctor is available,
- identify pathological changes in the mother and child, act within the competence and refer to a specialist,
- examine and care for the newborn and infant and take action where necessary,
- counsel and assist women going through menopause,
- provide midwifery care and treatment prescribed by a doctor,
- keeping appropriate medical and nursing records,
- pedagogical work for educating own staff and research work.

### **3. Conditions for enrolment and selection criteria in the case of restricted enrolment**

Anyone who has passed the final exam in any four-year secondary school programme, vocational matura or matura may enrol in the professional higher education study programme Midwifery.

When applying, all candidates must demonstrate knowledge of the Slovenian language at the B2 level, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), with the appropriate certificate. Relevant proof of compliance with this enrolment condition shall be:

- a certificate of completion of the Slovenian language exam at B2 level or an equivalent certificate,
- a certificate of primary school completion in the Republic of Slovenia or completion of school abroad that features the Slovenian language,
- a matura certificate or certificate on completed secondary professional education, which also shows the Slovenian language course completion,
- a certificate of completed bilingual (in the Slovenian and foreign language) secondary education or completed foreign secondary school that features the Slovenian language,
- a diploma obtained at a higher education institution in the Republic of Slovenia and a certificate (statement) that the candidate has completed the programme in the Slovenian language.

**In the case of restricted enrolment**, candidates will be selected according to:

- overall success in the final examination, vocational matura or matura ..... 60% of points,
- overall success in Years 3 and 4 ..... 40% of points.

### **4. Criteria for the recognition of knowledge and skills acquired prior to enrolment in the programme**

The student may be recognized knowledge that corresponds to the content of the subjects in the first-cycle professional higher education study programme Midwifery, acquired in other study programmes of the appropriate cycle.

The Commission for Academic Affairs of the Faculty of Health Sciences is to decide on the recognition of knowledge acquired before the enrolment based on the student's written application, enclosed certificates and other documents proving successfully acquired knowledge and its content.

In recognizing knowledge acquired prior to enrolment, the Commission is to consider the following criteria:

- the adequacy of meeting criteria for accession to different forms of education (required prior education for inclusion in education),
- the relevance of the scope of education (the number of hours of prior education with regard to the scope of the subject for which the obligation is being recognized),
- the relevance of the content of education (with regard to the content of the subject for which it is being recognized).

Acquired knowledge may be recognized as a completed obligation if:

- the condition for inclusion in education was in line with the conditions for inclusion in the programme,
- if prior education covered at least 75% of the scope of the subject and if at least 75% of the content corresponds to the content of the subject for which the study obligation is being recognized.

If the Commission establishes that the acquired knowledge may be recognized, it is to be evaluated with the same number of ECTS credits as the number of credits for the subject.

## **5. Requirements for progression through the programme**

In order to progress to a higher year, the student must complete all practical classes and all practice to which he/she was assigned and obtain the following number of credit points:

- to progress from the first to the second year of study, students need to accumulate 54 credits in Year 1,
- to progress to Year 3, students need to accumulate 60 credits in Year 1 and at least 54 credits in Year 2.

The Commission for Academic Affairs may exceptionally allow a student to continue to a higher year:

- to Year 2 if he/she has achieved at least 44 credit points in Year 1,
- to Year 3 if he/she has achieved at least 60 credit points in Year 1 and at least 44 credit points in Year 2.

In order to progress from the first to the second year of study, students must pass exams in Anatomy and Physiology with Pathology, Reproductive Health and Ethics, and Midwifery and Midwifery Practice 1.

In order to progress from the second to the third year of study, students must pass exams in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Child Health Care, Midwifery and Midwifery Practice 2.

A student will only be permitted to exceptionally progress to Year 2 once and to progress to Year 3 once. However, the student must have justifiable reasons for doing so, as determined by the Statutes of the UL.

During the study period, the student may repeat the year or change the study programme once due to non-fulfilment of obligations in the previous study programme. A student may re-enrol if he/she has gained at least 30 credit points.

## 6. Conditions for completing studies

In order to complete his/her studies, a student must complete all obligations in connection with all compulsory and elective subjects and gain 180 credit points.

The Diploma Thesis subject, which covers the practical diploma exam and the drawing up of the final work, is the final subject of the programme.

Students learn the characteristics and functions of supervision, its theoretical models, forms and methods of work and the possibilities to evaluate and reflect on supervisory work. They are introduced to intervision, as a special form of supervision. Quality study requires a reflection of the entire professional theoretically and practically acquired knowledge.

Students learn to perform reflection, evaluate midwifery practice and acquire knowledge of methodological approaches.

- The practical diploma exam takes place in a clinical environment. It covers one or more practical procedures and interventions and a theoretical defence in this respect. The practical diploma examination is conducted before a commission consisting of at least two members, at least one being a representative of the faculty and at least one a representative of the institution where the examination is held.
- Moreover, a student is to draw up a written diploma thesis under the mentorship of a higher education lecturer, who helps him/her define a research problem and draw up a disposition and individually guides him/her in independent work.

## 7. Transferring between study programmes

The transfer between study programmes means the termination of education in the first study programme and the continuation of studies in the second study programme, in which all or part of the obligations completed by the student in the first study programme are recognized as completed obligations of the second study programme.

**In transferring between study programmes, the following criteria are taken into account:**

- fulfilment of conditions for the enrolment in the study programme,
- the number of places available,
- comparability of study obligations that the student has completed in the first study programme.

### **CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER:**

Pursuant to the Criteria for transferring between study programmes (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 95/10 and 17/11), transfers are possible between study programmes accredited in the Republic of Slovenia or implemented in European Union countries, which, upon completion of studies, ensure the acquisition of comparable competencies, among which at least half of obligations

under the ECTS from the first study programme, relating to the compulsory subjects of the second study programme, may be recognized pursuant to the recognition criteria.

Pursuant to the Higher Education Act, Criteria for transferring between study programmes and other regulations, transfers are possible in the following ways:

**1. between study programmes of the same cycle**

The transfer is possible between the Midwifery study programmes and other health orientations accredited in Slovenia or implemented in the countries of the European Union.

**2. Between higher vocational study programmes and first-cycle study programmes**

Transfers from higher vocational study programmes are not envisaged.

**3. In the case of non-Bologna study programmes adopted before 11 June 2004, transfers are also possible between university and professional higher education study programmes and between these programmes and first or second cycle study programmes until the termination of the implementation of these programmes.**

The transfer is possible between professional higher education study programme Midwifery and other professional higher education and university study programmes in health orientation accredited in Slovenia or implemented in the countries of the European Union.

Upon the fulfilment of the prescribed conditions, the Senate of ZF UL is to decide on the recognition of obligations - and determination of the missing obligations - fulfilled by the student in the previous programme, based on prior consideration of the Commission for Academic Affairs of the Faculty of Health Sciences, which determines the year in which the student is to be transferred depending on the scope of recognized obligations.

## **8. Methods of assessment**

Pursuant to the Statutes of the University of Ljubljana, the following grade chart is used for evaluation:

- 10 – Exceptional knowledge without or with negligible faults
- 9 – Very good knowledge with some minor faults
- 8 – Good knowledge with certain faults
- 7 – Solid knowledge but with several faults
- 6 – Knowledge only meets minimal criteria
- 5 – Knowledge does not meet minimum criteria

A student passes the exam if he/she is graded from 6 to 10.