

Information about the Post Baccalaureate for Health Professionals (PBHP) Program of Study

The PBHP is a 2 year accelerated program of study offered on a limited basis to applicants who come to the MEP with a prior degree in a health related field **and** with significant (minimum 1 year) post degree work experience in labour and delivery, or intrapartum, antenatal and postpartum care. PBHP graduates receive the same degree as students in our other programs of study (Bachelor of Health Sciences BHSc (Midwifery)).

Here are some key points for you to consider prior to deciding if the PBHP is right for you:

- The PBHP is an intense and condensed program of study and is completed over 2 years (6 continuous semesters) of full-time study. In comparison, our full-time program is completed over 4 years (9 semesters) of full-time study. On-call requirements (which start in the second semester) in this program are typically 24/7 with one day off per week and 4 days off per month.
- PBHP students start with just one semester of pre-clinical courses in the fall term of their first year whereas students in the 4 year full time program have 3 semesters of preclinical courses in order to prepare them for clinical placement learning.
- In recognition of knowledge and skills acquired in previous study and work, students in the PBHP are exempt from a number of courses required by other MEP students. These include:
 - Our 5 program electives
 - Our two required Anatomy and Physiology courses (BLG101 and BLG111).
 - Introduction to Indigenous Midwifery (MWF108)
 - Research Methods for Midwives (MWF109)
 - Life Sciences (MWF113),
 - Midwifery Clinical Skills I (MWF251)
 - Social Justice in Midwifery course (MWF11B).
- In addition, in order to deliver the PBHP in this condensed time frame, PBHP students take extra courses above the normal full time load in some semesters. They also take some courses out of the regular sequence (eg: MWF315, MWF345). Some courses are split over two terms for PBHP students, with different components taken at different times. For example, for some clinical courses PBHP students take the tutorial and exam portion in one semester and do the clinical placement component in the following term. This results in overlaps such that in some semesters the PBHP students are doing tutorial and exams for one clinical course at the same time as doing the clinical placement portion of a different clinical course.
- PBHP students must meet all the same learning outcomes and demonstrate the same clinical competencies as other MEP students. They also must meet the same Ontario College of Midwives requirements regarding birth numbers prior to registration with the college as Registered Midwives.
- It is not possible to continue part-time employment while in the PBHP program.

- PBHP students graduate in October while students in the 4 or 5 year program typically graduate in June. This may have implications for employment after graduation.

Please refer to materials posted on the TMU MEP website which depict the flow of courses in the 4 year full time, 5 year part time and 2 year PBHP programs of study.

It is important to consider if this program is a good choice for you. In considering if you wish to apply for the PBHP, we ask you to reflect on whether you feel you have acquired the necessary knowledge and skills in your prior studies and work to allow you to successfully complete all of the requirements of the MEP through the PBHP pathway. Do you feel that you have already required the knowledge and skills taught in the courses that would be exempted for you should you enter the PBHP? Can you realistically forgo the exempted courses as part of your midwifery training ([Undergraduate Calendar](#))? Do you feel you will be able to adapt to the unique sequence of course delivery including the splitting and overlapping of courses that happens during the clinical phase of the PBHP? Will you be able to succeed with the increased workload and demands of the PBHP?

How to apply for the PBHP:

This is done through the Midwifery Form which all applicants to the MEP complete as part of the application process. The Midwifery Form asks candidates to indicate if they would like to be considered for the PBHP program. Applicants wishing to be considered for the PBHP are required to provide additional documents and a list of relevant work experiences for assessment.

The PBHP is a competitive program and spaces are limited. Not all applicants who express an interest in the PBHP will be admitted to the accelerated program of study. Each year a select number of applicants who have requested consideration for the PBHP program of study will be offered a PBHP interview. Those who are not offered a PBHP interview are considered for admission through the 4 year full time and 5 year part time programs of study. The PBHP interview is in addition to the general admissions interview. It is typically conducted over zoom and is the final step in our process to assess eligibility and suitability for the PBHP. It is also an opportunity for us to go over the program components with potential PBHP students and to answer any remaining questions about the PBHP program of study.

If you are successful in obtaining an offer of admission to the MEP, you will find out if you have been selected for the PBHP at the time of your offer of admission. All successful applicants are notified of their assigned program of study (4 year full time, 5 year part time or 2 year PBHP) with their offer of admittance to the MEP.