

In the Name of God

Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Health and Medical Education
Deputy Ministry for Education

Counseling in Midwifery
Degree: Master of Science (MSc)

Total Course Credits

- Compensatory:
- Core:26
- Non-core (Electives):4
- Thesis:4

Program Description

The Master of Science in “Counseling in Midwifery” is a branch of midwifery, which improves students’ counseling knowledge and skills in all areas of sexual and reproductive health during different stages of women’s life.

The graduate of this MSc program is a well trained and competent midwife who is educated in higher standards for counseling in the field of midwifery in order to be able to diagnose and refer the high-risk patients to the relevant referral systems.

In the next 10 years counseling and education services in the field of midwifery will be applied with the best standards in the world and in accordance with Iranian Islamic culture. It is hoped that midwifery counseling services will find their real situation in the level of national health services and graduates will have an important role to contribute in national and international knowledge in midwifery and reproductive counseling.

Admission Requirements

- Having a bachelor's degree (BSc) in midwifery
- Meeting admission criteria based on regulations of universities
- Being eligible for entering the program

Expected Competencies at the End of the Program

General Competencies*

Specific Competencies and Skills

At the end of the program learners will be competent in the following skills:

- Acquiring principles of counseling
- Learning counseling approaches in midwifery
- Learning counseling techniques in specific situations related to reproductive and sexual health
- Counseling puberty and adolescence issues, sexual issues, family planning, pre marriage, pre conception, prenatal, childbirth and postnatal periods, breast feeding and newborn and child care and also pre and post-menopausal periods
- Acquiring knowledge and skills for detection of high-risk conditions in all mentioned areas

Educational Strategies, Methods and Techniques*

Student Assessment (Methods and Types)

- Formative (Quizzes and Midterm Exam)
- Summative (Final Exam)
- Oral and written exams, observation, clinical competence assessments
- (OSCE, OSLE, OSFE, DOPS, 360 degree evaluation competency)
- Portfolio assessment: logbook, test results, reports, articles, certificates, promotion, etc.

Ethical Considerations*

*Note: The related document(s) can be found at <http://hcmep.behdasht.gov.ir/>.

Tables of the Courses

Table 1. Compensatory Courses

Code of the Course	Title of the Course	Number of Credits				Teaching Hours				Prerequisite or Concurrent Courses
		Theoretical	Workshop	Practical	Total	Theoretical	Workshop	Practical	Total	
03	Research Methods in Health Sciences and Advanced Biostatistics	1	-	0.5	1.5	17	-	17	34	
04	Health Education Methods	1	-	0.5	1.5	17	-	17	34	
05	Professional Ethics in Midwifery Counseling	1	-	-	1	17	-	-	17	
06	Communication Skills(1)	1	1	-	2	17	51	-	68	04
07	Communication Skills(2)	1.5	-	0.5	2	26		17	43	06, 04
08	Health Management systems	1	-	-	1	17	-	-	17	
Total		6.5	1	1.5	9	111	51	51	213	

Table 2.Core Courses

Code of the Course	Title of the Course	Number of Credits				Teaching Hours				Prerequisite or Concurrent Courses
		Theoretical	Clinical – field Learning	Practical	Total	theoretical	Clinical – field learning	practical	total	
09	Family Health	2	1	-	3	34	51	-	85	06,07
10	Counseling in Prenatal, Child birth and Postnatal Period	2	1	-	3	34	51	-	85	09
11	Sexual Health Promotion and Counselling	1	1	-	2	17	51	-	67	06,07
12	Family Planning and Contraception Counselling	1	0.5	-	1.5	17	26	-	43	06,07
13	Common Reproductive Mental Disorders in Practice	1.5	0.5	-	2	26	26	-	52	06,07
14	Midwifery Counselling in Reproductive Disorders	1.5	0.5	-	2	26	26	-	52	06,07
15	Menopause and pre and post menopausal Counselling	1	0.5	-	1.5	17	26	-	43	-
16	Principles of Genetic Counselling and – <i>Hereditary Diseases</i>	1	1		2	17	51	-	68	
Total		11	6	-	17	188	308	-	496	

Table 3. Non-Core Courses (Electives)

Code of the Course	Title of the Course	Number of Credits				Teaching Hours				Prerequisite or Concurrent Courses
		Theoretical	Workshop	Practical	Total	Theoretical	Workshop	Practical	Total	
17	Seminar in Midwifery Counseling Research	-	-	2	2	-	-	68	68	
18	Health Promotion Planning and Behavioral Models in Family Health	2	-	-	2	34	-	-	34	
Total		2		2	4	34		68	102	

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