

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION GRANTS 2024 INFORMATION SHEET

Information for applicants for Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand Midwifery Postgraduate Education Grants 2024

Grant applications for midwifery postgraduate education undertaken in the period 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024 are now invited.

The postgraduate education that will be funded in this application round can consist of midwifery postgraduate papers or Masters or PhD study which is at least at **level eight** as per the New Zealand Qualifications Authority framework. Please see below for additional eligibility criteria. Please note that this **is not** the information for the Postgraduate Complex Care Education Funding. There is a separate application form for this funding which is available on the New Zealand College of Midwives website.

If you are an employed midwife and are intending to apply for postgraduate funding you need to notify your employer of your intention to undertake postgraduate study as soon as possible. This will assist you to negotiate appropriate support from your employer to complete study requirements. (eg. annual leave or professional development leave in order to attend study blocks etc).

Schools offering post-graduate midwifery education

<p>Auckland University of Technology</p> <p>Administration Office Faculty of Health Sciences</p> <p>AUT University Mail Bag 15 Private Bag 92006 AUCKLAND 1142</p> <p>Telephone 09 921 9732 Fax: 09 921 9612</p> <p>Email: postgraduatehealth@aut.ac.nz</p> <p>Website: https://www.aut.ac.nz/study/study-options/health-sciences/courses/postgraduate-certificate-in-health-science/midwifery</p>	<p>Otago Polytechnic</p> <p>Student Administrator School of Midwifery <i>Te kura atawhai ka Kaiakapono te Hakuitaka</i></p> <p>Otago Polytechnic Forth Street Private Bag 1910 DUNEDIN 9054</p> <p>Telephone 0800 762 786</p> <p>Email: ebsmid@op.ac.nz</p> <p>Website: https://www.op.ac.nz/?Search=1&Keywords=postgraduate+midwifery&Category=Programmes&Subject=&BlogCategory=&Location=</p>	<p>Victoria University</p> <p>School Administrator Graduate School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health</p> <p>Victoria University of Wellington PO Box 7625 Level 7, Clinical Services Block Wellington Hospital Riddiford Street Newtown WELLINGTON 6242</p> <p>Telephone 04 463 6144 Fax 04 463 5442</p> <p>Email: nmh@vuw.ac.nz</p> <p>Website: https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/explore/postgraduate-subjects/midwifery/overview</p>	<p>Wintec</p> <p>Delia Meier Academic Administrator – Graduate & Postgraduate Programmes Centre for Health and Social Practice (<i>Te Kura Mo Nga Mahi Tiaki I Te Hapori</i>)</p> <p>Wintec Private Bag 3036, Waikato Mail Centre, HAMILTON 3240</p> <p>Telephone: 07 834 8800 ext 7628 Email: delia.meier@wintec.ac.nz</p> <p>Website: https://www.wintec.ac.nz/study-at-wintec/faculty/centre-for-health-and-social-practice/postgraduate-health</p>
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Application process

Applications are filled out on-line through the College portal. Please log into the site and follow the Postgraduate Grants Icon to enter a new application. You can apply for Semester One, Semester Two or both.

Please note that **Semester Two will not be processed or approved until after 15 June 2024.**

All approved papers are included in the application with options available to add other education providers and papers.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a grant you should:

- Be planning to complete postgraduate education which is at least at **level eight** as per the New Zealand Qualifications Authority framework in the period 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024 (Not negotiable).
- Hold a current Annual Practising Certificate with the Midwifery Council of New Zealand with no restrictions which would negatively impact on engaging in postgraduate study (Not negotiable).
- Be currently working as either an employed midwife (0.4FTE) or as a Lead Maternity Carer midwife working under Section 88 (with an annual caseload of 10 women or more).
- Have worked as a midwife within the last 12 months.
- Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a New Zealand permanent residency permit as conferred by the New Zealand Immigration service (Not negotiable).
- Be planning to undertake the postgraduate education in the period 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.
- Be enrolled in education with one of the following midwifery postgraduate education providers: Wintec, Otago Polytechnic, Victoria University or Auckland University of Technology.
- Not be participating in the Midwifery Complex Care clinical training (another application form is available on the College website for midwives wishing to apply for funding for Complex Care training).
- Not to be a graduate midwife enrolled in the Midwifery First Year of Practice Programme.

Please note that while the first two points in this list are non-negotiable criteria, applications which do not meet the other eligibility criteria listed above can be considered on a case by case basis.

Midwifery applicants who are completing one or two papers in another discipline will be eligible to have their applications considered if these papers are cross creditable towards a midwifery postgraduate qualification. Proof will be required from the education provider that these papers are being undertaken as part of an overall midwifery focused qualification.

Midwives who are undertaking postgraduate study of at least **level eight** (as per the New Zealand Qualifications Authority framework) who do not meet the eligibility criteria or are studying another discipline or topic (eg. Health management or Public health) are encouraged to contact the College to discuss whether they may be eligible for a grant.

Midwives who have been granted funding from another source towards the cost of postgraduate education study that they are applying for HWNZ funding (for example, from their employer), need to declare the nature and amount of funding or support received. Any funding support received will have to be deducted from any HWNZ grant entitlement.

New Zealand College of Midwives are disbursing a finite postgraduate budget, therefore cannot guarantee that all applicants will receive funding.

Midwifery Postgraduate Education Grant entitlements

Where budget allows, education provider fees are fully funded by the Grant. If applications exceed available budget, Grants will be disbursed according to the priorities of the Te Whatu Ora contract. You may be eligible for travel and accommodation costs. Please refer to the Grant categories below to determine which you can apply for. Applicants must identify the appropriate Grant category for each semester. Grant funds must only be used for the cost of student fees, and for travel and accommodation expenses (excluding meals).

Travel Grant Categories

Travel Category A is a \$250.00 grant per Semester and is for midwives who live more than 50km one way from the education provider, not needing to pay for accommodation but required to attend face to face study blocks.

Travel Category B is a \$750.00 grant per Semester and is for midwives who live more than 50km one way from the education provider and will be required to travel and pay for accommodation for at least 2 nights away from home for required attendance at face to face study blocks.

Travel Category C is a \$1,000.00 grant per Semester and is for midwives who live more than 50km one way from the education provider and will be required to travel and pay for accommodation for 3 or more nights away from home for required attendance at face to face study blocks.

Travel Grant amounts are paid per Semester. If you are eligible for funds to support travel the total grant amount, including fee costs will be paid directly to you. The grants are exempt from GST.

Grant payment arrangements

The College is intending to disburse grants directly to education providers as payment for fees for eligible midwives who are enrolled in postgraduate study. In order for this to occur we need your permission as per signed declaration in the online application form. In some cases:

- applicants will be eligible for additional travel and accommodation assistance over and above the cost of fees
- the timeframe for the education provider to receive fees to confirm a place in the postgraduate course is prior to the funds being available from Te Whatu Ora
- midwives will be enrolled with an education provider for whom the College does not have an arrangement to pay fees on behalf of midwives

In the above circumstances the College will need to disburse the entire Grant directly to midwives. We will contact you to discuss payment arrangements. Please provide bank account details if you are anticipating you will be receiving funds directly from New Zealand College of Midwives.

Application and funding disbursement timeline

As some midwives will be commencing study part way through each Semester (in particular those who are enrolling in papers which are commencing in May or September 2024, or enrolling in Masters of PhD programmes which may commence at varying times during the year), there will be two funding disbursements for each Semester. Please see the table on page 4.

As New Zealand College of Midwives is disbursing a finite budget eligible applications will be prioritised on a first come basis, ie. midwives who have their completed applications to the College by the first deadline will have a higher likelihood of being successful in receiving funding.

You are welcome to apply for your full year's funding for Semester One and Semester Two however Semester Two will not be approved until after 15 June and confirmation will be sought that your education is continuing as planned. Key dates are included at the end of this document.

For more Information

Any queries please contact the New Zealand College of Midwives who administer the grants on behalf of Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand. Email postgrad@nzcom.org.nz or phone Lynda Overton on (03) 377 2732.

Applications for the first round of Semester One grant funding close on 15 February 2024

Please complete and submit your application on the College portal by this date

Dates	First Semester One Funding / Application Round One
15 February 2024	First Application Round for Semester One 2024 grants close
20 February 2024	College provides data for all approved applications to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand

Additional round of funding applicable to Semester One grant funding closes on 30 April 2024

Dates	Subsequent Semester One Funding / Application Round Two
30 April 2024	Second Application Round for Semester One 2024 grants close
10 May 2024	College provides data for all approved applications to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand

Applications for the first round of Semester Two grant funding close on 10 July 2024

Dates	First Semester Two Funding / Application Round One
10 July 2024	First Application Round for Semester Two 2024 grants close
22 July 2024	College provides data for all approved applications to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand

Additional round of funding applicable to Semester Two grant funding closes on 30 September 2024

Dates	Subsequent Semester Two Funding / Application Round Two
30 September 2024	Second Application Round for Semester Two 2024 grants close
10 October 2024	College provides data for all approved applications to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand

The College will make payments directly to the education provider