**Midwifery Department Thesis Master's Program**

**1. General Information**

In the General Assembly meeting of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) dated 15.08.2013 and numbered 75850160-104.01.04.6213, it was decided to open a Midwifery Department Master's Program at Eskişehir Health Sciences Institute and the Midwifery Department Master's Program has been active since 2013.

**2. Degree Earned**

Graduates with the degree of Science Specialist in Midwifery.

**3. Level of Degree**

Master's Degree

**4. Admission and Registration Requirements**

In order to apply to the midwifery thesis master's program, the candidate must meet the general admission requirements in Eskişehir Osmangazi University Master's Education Regulation (have a bachelor's degree that meets the specified conditions, have a score determined by the Senate in the type of score applied for from ALES that is not less than 55 points or an equivalent score from an exam accepted by YÖK as equivalent to ALES, and have an undergraduate GPA and YDS score that is not less than the base points determined by the Senate or an equivalent score from an exam accepted as equivalent by ÖSYM) and must have graduated from the midwifery undergraduate program.

In accepting candidates to graduate programs, in addition to the ALES score, undergraduate GPA, YDS score or an equivalent score from exams accepted as equivalent by ÖSYM, written scientific evaluation and/or interview results may also be taken into consideration. The weight of the ALES score, which should not be less than 50%, and other issues related to the evaluation are determined by the proposal of the department, the decision of the relevant institute board and the approval of the Senate.

**5. Recognition of Prior Learning**

In Turkish higher education institutions, recognition of previous formal learning, vertical, horizontal and intra-university transfers are carried out in accordance with Eskişehir Osmangazi University Postgraduate Education Regulation. A maximum of two courses taken by the student from thesis or non-thesis postgraduate programs of other higher education institutions can be included in the program. For these courses to be evaluated, the success grade must be at least BB. The compulsory courses to be accepted to the program must be at least 75% like the course content of the relevant institute. The equivalence of the courses is finalized with the positive opinion of the Department Board and the approval of the Institute Management Board. Horizontal transfers and grade conversions of courses taken from different higher education institutions are carried out according to the conversion schedule determined by the Senate.

**6. Qualification Conditions and Rules**

The midwifery thesis master's program consists of at least 21 credits, at least seven courses, a seminar course, a specialization course and a thesis study. The program is structured to include at least 120 ECTS credits in total, with at least 60 ECTS credits throughout the academic year. According to the success criteria, to receive a passing grade from the courses, a grade of at least CC level and a general academic achievement grade of at least 3.00 out of 4.00 are required. The specialization course, seminar course and thesis study are non-credit and are evaluated as "sufficient" or "unsatisfactory". The courses in the program consist of compulsory and elective courses. The share of compulsory courses in total credit cannot exceed 50% and these courses must be completed successfully. Failed compulsory courses must be taken again. Students who successfully complete the compulsory and elective courses determined by Eskişehir Osmangazi University Health Sciences Institute and Midwifery Department prepare a thesis study on a topic of their choice and gain the right to graduate after “successfully” defending their thesis orally.

Apart from the compulsory conditions, other activities related to the education and training of the department must also be fulfilled.

**7. Purpose of the Program**

-Having gained scientific understanding and being able to transform their knowledge in the field of Midwifery into skills in their field of expertise, having comprehensive and contemporary knowledge and skills, and having the ability to think creatively and critically,

- Being sensitive to the health problems and care needs of individuals, families and society at national and international levels, and being able to use community-supported, multidisciplinary approach methods in the field of Midwifery for the protection, development and solution of health problems,

-To train scientific experts who can access and evaluate information on the concepts, principles and methods of midwifery, conduct scientific research, transfer the knowledge and skills gained to the field of practice and teaching of midwifery principles, and use teaching principles and methods in the field of midwifery.

**8. Program Competencies (Learning Outcomes)**

1. Midwives provide quality care services with cultural sensitivity in reproductive health, sexual health, preconception, pregnancy, birth and postpartum periods using their theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

2. Based on evidence-based midwifery practices, they provide the best midwifery services for mothers, newborns, children, women, families and society with a holistic and humanistic approach.

3. They contribute to the strengthening of public health by protecting the health of mothers, newborns, children, women and families through education, care and consultancy services.

4. Effectively uses critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, leadership and continuous learning skills in midwifery practices.

5. Adopts innovative approaches by following developing and changing technology in midwifery education and practices.

6. Adhering to Atatürk's principles, carries out midwifery services within the framework of cultural values ​​and ethical principles.

7. Adopts the importance of lifelong learning, follows current scientific developments; provides individuals with effective communication techniques and cognitive, effective and psychomotor skills training without discrimination.

8. Takes an active role in research, projects and social responsibility activities regarding pregnancy, newborn, child, woman, family and community health by collaborating with professional organizations and health professionals with a multidisciplinary approach.

9. Knows the legal rights and responsibilities of the midwifery profession and acts in accordance with ethical rules and professional standards.

10. Takes responsibility within the scope of individual and team work by developing national and international collaborations within the health team and contributes to scientific research.

9**. Employment Opportunities for Graduates**

They can work as midwives in the Ministry of Health, as academic staff in national and international higher education institutions, as specialist midwives, managers or clinical midwives in private health institutions and university hospitals and also pursue an academic career as lecturers in universities.

**10. Transition to Further Studies**

Students who have successfully completed their master's degree in midwifery can receive doctoral education in the same field.

**11. Exams, Assessment and Evaluation**

Measurement and evaluation methods are defined in detail in the “Course Information Form” for each course.

**12. Graduation Requirements**

- Completing the credit and ECTS hours determined by the Health Sciences Institute.

- After meeting the passing requirement for the courses taken, completing the thesis study on a selected special topic with “success”.

-Graduation requirements are explained in detail in the “Qualification Conditions and Rules” section.

**13. Working Mode (Full Time, e-learning)**

Full Time

**14. Address and Contact Information (Department/Program Head, Assistants)**

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**15. Department/Program Opportunities**

There are a total of 6 faculty members (2 Professors, 3 Associate Professors, 1 Assistant Professor) in the midwifery department. There is 1 postgraduate classroom, 1 guest faculty member room and 1 skill laboratory in the building.

**16. Academic Staff**

Faculty members who take an active role in the implementation of the program:

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Prof. Dr. Nebahat ÖZERDOĞAN

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