



# 2022 Framework Study Plan in brief

## Bachelor of Science HES-SO in Midwifery

### The course in brief

The Bachelor of Science HES-SO in Midwifery offers a 3-year generalist education program with 180 ECTS. It is offered at two Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS):

- Haute école de santé de Genève (HEdS - Genève) for the initial path
- Haute Ecole de Santé Vaud (HESAV) for the second path

The second path is distinctive in that it has a total of 120 ECTS, with recognition of 60 ECTS for holders of a Bachelor of Science HES-SO in Nursing or a qualification deemed equivalent.

### A work-study program

The education is structured around the principle of integrative work-study. Students alternate periods of learning at school with operational sessions inside the professional environment. The practical training span over 56 weeks, for the first path and 36 weeks for the second path in the field where they have the possibility to challenge the education methodology applied, boost the efficiency of their learning and develop a professional mindset.

### Modern and Diversified teaching methods

Students are encouraged to be active actors in their education through teaching and evaluation methods which support the skills development, autonomy and reflexivity.

### Development of a Transversal and Cross-Professional Expertise

Great importance is given to the development of knowledge and competences related to different profiles in the Health sector. Classes are dedicated to themes like: Scientific methodology, Bachelor's Thesis, Swiss Health System, Digitalization, Sustainability and Cross-professionalism.

### A skills-based approach

The skills-based approach reinforces Autonomy, Sense of Responsibility and Reflexibility, Commitment and Employability dimensions by referring "what midwifery student should be able to do at the end of his/her course". The education is built looking to the Standard of Requirements for 7 different worker's role in the Health sector:





## Teaching axis areas: Education identity card

The Bachelor of Science HES-SO program in Midwifery is built around 5 teaching axes:

### Sciences and Midwifery Practice

This area focuses on midwifery sciences, which are based on evidence and profession-specific knowledge supporting midwifery practice: women's and children's health, obstetrical diagnoses, deviation from the norms detection, monitoring of complex and difficult situations, emergency treatments implementation, and collaboration with other professionals in the care network.

### Professionalization process

This area concerns the construction of the midwife's professionalism, based essentially on the search for professional autonomy, both individually and collectively, based on universal professional ethics and values defended by the professional group.

### Holistic midwifery support

This area concerns the holistic, humanistic and caring support offered to the family and to each individual who, considered as a patient-partner, actively participates in decisions related to their care.

### Environment and health policy

This axis concerns midwives' participation in the major public health missions by promoting the maintenance and improvement of physical and psychological health during the perinatal period, as well as access to care for all populations, by collaborating in the definition of prevention and health promotion programs and by engaging in advocacy in current social debates.

### Perinatal research

This axis concerns the development of skills in scientific research, the transfer of scientific data into practice in order to improve care and develop high quality professional services, as well as the acquisition of a culture of lifelong learning.

## Midwifery Course Schedule

