

Healthcare Science

Career of the Week



Midwife

Pay scale: £24k - £73k

AMAZING FACT 1 The word midwife means "with women"

As a midwife everyday is different and you learn and adapt from different situations. Some days you won't deliver a baby at all, sometimes you will be out checking on mothers in their homes, other days you may have to deliver 3 babies in one day, it's never boring.

You will meet people of different cultures, beliefs and ethnicities, all of which can impact on pregnancy and birthing, so you need to be open minded to what they want to do to make them feel comfortable, as long as it is safe for both baby and mum.

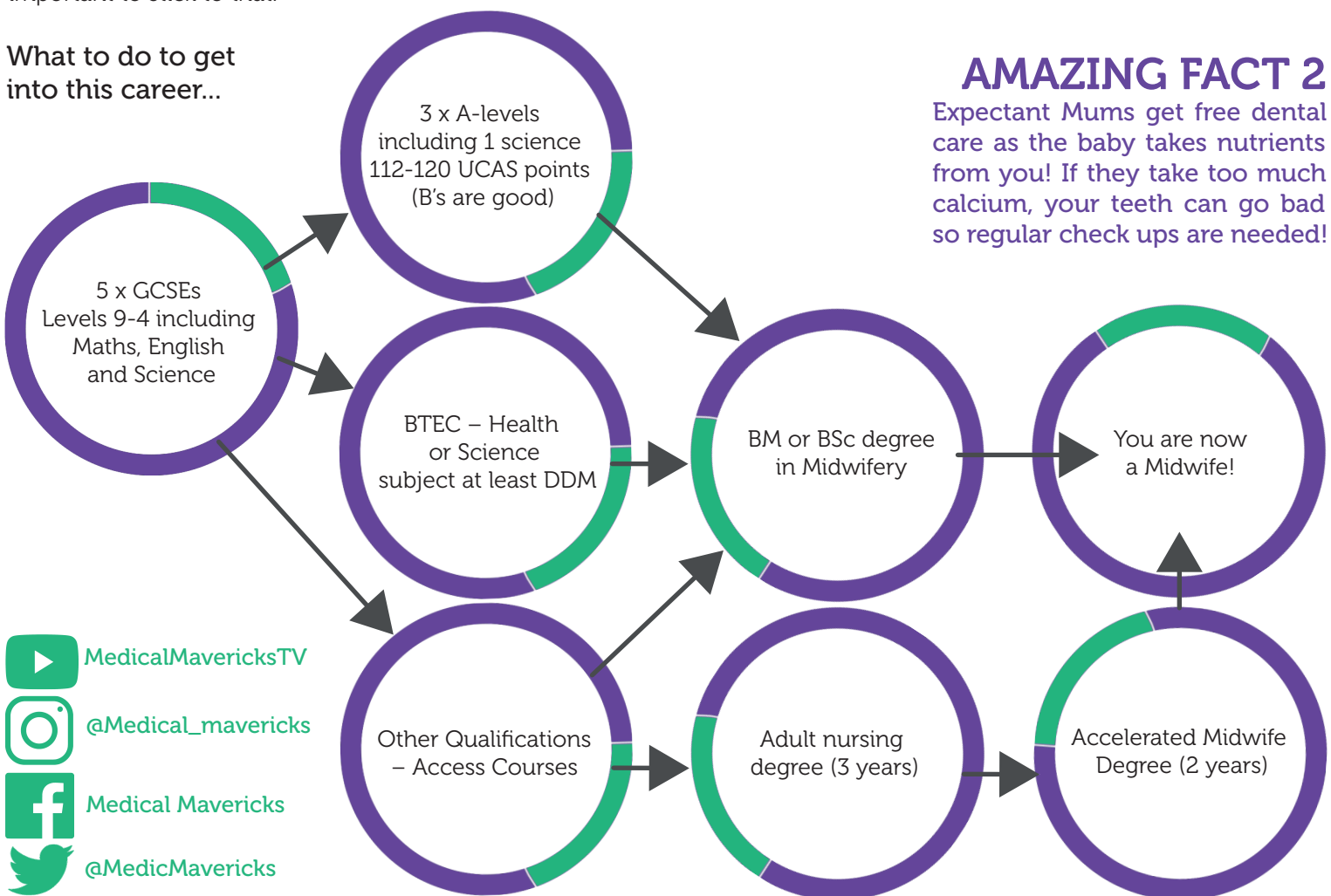
There are different types of midwife specialisms e.g. home birthing, high risk, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, screening.

Midwives also work with a range of other healthcare professionals, for example, multidisciplinary team, GP, consultant obstetrician, physiotherapists, neonatal nurses, pharmacy, financial services and surgeons.

There are tough parts to being a midwife, e.g. still births, so being prepared to face difficult situations like this and help the mother and family, you need to be an empathetic and caring person but will be taught a protocol of what to do, and is important to stick to that.



What to do to get into this career...



AMAZING FACT 2

Expectant Mums get free dental care as the baby takes nutrients from you! If they take too much calcium, your teeth can go bad so regular check ups are needed!