



# MELINE TURKINGTON



**MIDWIFE**  
MATERNITY

"I love seeing a couple become a family; and a woman become a mother"



## Academic profile

### Degree

BA (Hons) Media and Communication

### Post grad

Post Grad Broadcast Journalism;  
Post Grad Public Relations; BSC  
MIDWIFERY

### Qualification/achievement you are most proud of

My Midwifery degree-studied whilst working and with a young family

### Subjects you enjoyed at school

Science; English; French

## Career Summary

I never thought I would be a Midwife! When I left school I wanted to be a Journalist. I went to uni; then to a Journalism college and worked in local radio for ten years. I then worked in Media and Public Relations for Southampton Uni, Hampshire Police and an NHS Trust. These roles developed attributes which have been in key in my midwifery career so far-such as communication; building trusting relationships; and the all important ability to multi task. I took an evening class at Southampton City College in Health and Social care; as I didn't have a science A level. I then was accepted into Bournemouth Uni where I studied Midwifery for three years. This also involved placements at hospitals and in the community.

## Describe your job



## What inspired you?

I wanted to care for people; to be involved with women. I have a passion for new clinical developments; and the human body fascinates me! I think at school I didn't feel "clever" enough to go for a science or medical career. I had no idea what a Midwife was!

## Did you know .....

Did you know that pregnant women grow an organ as well as a baby? The placenta-which grows 50 km of blood vessels and provides the baby with everything it needs through the umbilical cord...which was attached to your belly button!

## Top tip

Changing careers can be a good thing! Life experience is invaluable in a caring career

## Best thing about my job

Supporting women; building close relationships

## Find out more

- [Maternity Services at UHS](#)
- [Midwifery Council](#)
- [Royal College of Nursing; Midwifery](#)

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