

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Towards Proficient Midwifery Practice

Reference	NU4394	Version	1
Created	March 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	July 2021	SCQF Points	30
Amended		ECTS Points	15

Aims of Module

To enable the students to become independent and confident in meeting Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards of proficiency by demonstrating safe, woman-centred midwifery care with indirect supervision.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate independent evidence-based practice to achieve the proficiencies as detailed in NMC Standards of Proficiency for Midwives (NMC, 2019).
- 2 Collaborate with multidisciplinary and multiagency colleagues to provide appropriate care and contribute to practice change.
- 3 Demonstrate postgraduate attributes of resourcefulness, flexibility and strength, self-care, critical and strategic thinking, emotional intelligence, and leadership skills required for professional midwifery practice.
- 4 Demonstrate professional development, recognising how it can contribute to others' development and education, including women, other students and colleagues.
- 5 Employ quality improvement methodology to provide safe, effective, respectful, kind and compassionate midwifery care for women, newborn infants and their families.

Indicative Module Content

Preparation for practice; The NMC proficiencies for part 3 which are grouped under six domains: (1) Being an accountable, autonomous, professional midwife; (2) Safe and effective midwifery care: promoting and providing continuity of care and carer; (3) Universal care for all women and newborn infants; (4) Additional care for women and newborn infants with complications; (5) Promoting excellence: the midwife as colleague, scholar and leader; (6) The midwife as skilled practitioner.

Module Delivery

Practice learning experiences in a variety of health and social care environments that meet the NMC standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA; 2018) and Quality Standards for Practice Learning (QSPL; NES 2020).

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	N/A	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	N/A	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	300	N/A
TOTAL	300	N/A
Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body	880	

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	80%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Description:	Midwifery Practice Assessment Document (MPAD)				

Component 2

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	20%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Description:	Account of an episode of clinical care.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

Practice Assessment Document assessed on a pass/fail basis by the Practice Assessor and Academic Assessor. The account of an episode of clinical care is assessed pass/fail by the Academic Assessor. Both components assess all of the same learning outcomes due to the practical basis of the module where the student will demonstrate in practice for component 1 and will critically analyse the evidence base for component 2.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
Pass	Pass grade awarded for all allocated practice learning environments and the account of an episode of clinical care.
Fail	Fail awarded if unsuccessful in one or more practice learning environments or/and the account of an episode of clinical care.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Satisfactory completion of Stage 2 MSc Midwifery and evidence of achievement of the mandatory health and safety requirements as defined by the School and practice partners.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

In this clinical practice module students will undertake 40 hours per week in practice settings for 22 weeks. There are two Practice Learning Experience (PLE) blocks, each with an assessment opportunity. To complete the module, student must have attended at least 70% of each allocated PLE to be assessed, achieve a pass grades in all PLEs and achieve all Stage 3 NMC proficiencies. This module is underpinned by the UNICEF baby friendly Initiative.

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