

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Supporting Vulnerable Women and their Families
2	Module Credits	30
3	Module Level	5
4	Module Code	MID5010

5	Module Overview
<p>Relationship with Programme Philosophy and Aims</p> <p>Based on the social model of care which underpins this curriculum, this module will encourage student midwives to develop knowledge and skills, and will foster a caring attitude, needed to recognise and then respond compassionately, holistically and competently to childbearing women and their families, who are living with complex needs.</p> <p>Vulnerability will be framed in terms of medical, gynaecological, early pregnancy and social risk factors for maternity and infant outcomes, within the context of a constantly evolving spectrum of psychosocial, physical, cultural and spiritual diversity that midwives encounter within contemporary UK society.</p> <p>Within the module students will have opportunities to explore how, within the inter-professional team, they may work in partnership with vulnerable women and their families to offer competent maternity care, appropriately tailored to individual needs and circumstances.</p> <p>Aim</p> <p>To develop student midwives' knowledge about, and skills to support, those childbearing women who are made vulnerable or marginalised by their particular social circumstances, medical, gynaecological and early pregnancy conditions and complications.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key gynaecological conditions e.g. cancers, vaginal prolapse, hysterectomy, • Early pregnancy topics e.g. miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, hyperemesis gravidarum • Pregnancy loss and bereavement • Sexual health • Infertility • Mental health and the impact on perinatal period • Physical disabilities • Learning disabilities • Motherhood and extremes of age • Social and/or cultural risk factors e.g. Poverty, Complex Social Needs, Non English speaking women, Migrant women, Female Genital mutilation, Surrogacy, Toxic Trio (Mental Health, 	

Domestic violence and Substance Misuse), Travellers, Women seeking asylum, Sex workers & Trafficking.

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Recognise and plan woman centred holistic risk assessments of childbearing women presenting with social, early pregnancy or gynaecological risk factors.
	2	Respond with appropriately individualised care and support for vulnerable women and their families, including appropriate health promotion, MDT referral/liaison and signposting.
	3	Critically evaluate the provision of care that vulnerable women experience, within the context of contemporary, multicultural maternity, health and social care services.
	4	Apply contemporary high quality evidence to inform clinical judgment, health promotion and the use of support resources to care for vulnerable women.

8		Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome				
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person	
1 – 4			X	

9		Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	50	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	200	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	50	
Total Study Hours:	300	