

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Normality and Woman Centred Care
2	Module Credits	15
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	MID6034

5	Module Overview
<p>Relationship with Programme Philosophy and Aims</p> <p>The module draws links with the programme philosophy in that it recognises the need for midwifery practice to be women-centred and responsive to the needs of women and their families in a variety of care settings. The Midwifery 2020 programme (DH 2010) reinforces the importance of midwifery rather than medically led maternity service for low risk women, placing the woman at the centre of her care. Midwives of the future are required to be flexible, proactive, and assertive, taking responsibility for continuing professional learning and development. Analysis and clinical decision-making based upon contemporary evidence are fundamental skills, which underpin and inform midwives' professional activities, promoting flexible and adaptable approaches to problem solving. The module will consolidate senior students' previous knowledge and encourage the protection of normality within maternity care, in readiness for autonomous practice as midwives.</p> <p>This module aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To deepen senior student midwives' appreciation of social and medical models of childbearing and thereby facilitate exploration of the consequences of differing perceptions of normality and risk for women centred care <p>Debate and measure evidence from a range of sources in order to be able to support women with informed decision making, instigating changes in care delivery as necessary.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and medical models of childbearing • Salutogenesis • Risk perceptions within an historical cultural and societal context • Perceptions of normality from women's, midwives and medical perspectives • How clinical decisions are made - models of CDM • Communicating risk • Shared decision making (SDM) • Institutional cultures and normality • Models of maternity care • Midwifery knowledge- theory, embodied, tacit, intuitive • Recognising boundaries between normal and high risk • Dealing with uncertainty • Protecting and supporting normality • Normalising strategies- what works 	

- Sources of practitioner support (reflection, supervision, role models, developing assertiveness emotional resilience)
- Moving from novice to expert
- Evaluating guidelines

7		Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:		
	1	Explore the sociological construct of normality in relation to midwifery and medical discourse and women's perspectives.
	2	Critically analyse the concept of risk; how risk is constructed, used, communicated, and perceived within midwifery practice.
	3	Critically reflect on ways that midwives can work with women to protect and support 'normal' pregnancy and childbirth in both low and high risk cases.
	4	Critically reflect on an example of working in partnership with women and their families to maximise health outcomes during the childbearing period.

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		18
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		30
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		102
Total Study Hours:		150