Description: Researching Practice

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Student contribution band: National Priority Nursing
ASCED code: 060303

STAFFING
Examiner: Jill Scanlan
Moderator: Cath Rogers-Clark

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: (MID8001 and MID8002 and MID8070 and MID8073 and MID8074 and MID8075 and MID8076 and be enrolled in Program: MMID) or Students must be enrolled in Program: MMPO.

RATIONALE
This course is designed to make students demonstrate through self-appraisal and observed assessment that they meet all the ANMC National Competency Standards for Midwives enabling them to apply to the Queensland Nursing Council for midwifery endorsement. It is important that midwives, as autonomous practitioners, have knowledge of how to quality manage their own practice and are able to undertake a variety of evaluation processes.

SYNOPSIS
During this course students will complete their Competency Portfolio of evidence in relation to the ANMC National Competency Standards for the Midwife. The student will also complete all the clinical assessments required of them as part of their Clinical Placement and the student's observed competency in the designated clinical skills will be documented and submitted by way of their personal Clinical Skill Portfolio. Students will also have their midwifery practice observed over the semester by an endorsed midwife to ensure that they are able to objectively meet the ANMC National competency Standards for the Midwife. Computer mediated conferencing will continue throughout the semester as a way of maintaining close contact and providing support to students but no new midwifery material is planned to be introduced.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will be able to:
1. critically evaluate and develop own practice as an autonomous midwife and as a collaborative team member (Evaluation Report);
2. demonstrate academic writing and referencing skills (Evaluation Report);
3. undertake self-appraisal of midwifery practice using the ANMC National Competency Standard for the Midwife and provide written and verified evidence that all 14 competencies are now met (Competency Portfolio);
4. undergo an objective appraisal of their clinical practice by an endorsed midwife and provide written evidence that their practice meets the ANMC National Competency Standards for the Midwife (Observational Assessment);
5. demonstrate with written evidence that they have competently met the clinical skills and practice requirements as identified in the Clinical Skill Portfolio, Summary Sheets 1, 2, and 3 (Competency Portfolio);
6. demonstrate that they have invited objective feedback from women who have received continuity of care from the student across the childbirth continuum (Evaluative Report);
7. demonstrate knowledge of the different ways in which midwifery practice can be evaluated as part of implementing ongoing quality management (Evaluative Report, Competency portfolio);
8. critically reflect on their experience of developing professional boundaries in clinical practice, particularly when establishing, maintaining and concluding a midwifery partnership in continuity of care episodes, within hospital/community settings (Competency Portfolio and Evaluative Report).

TOPICS

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<td>Practice evaluation - recording, reflecting on practice evaluation tool development planned change to practice (draws upon all courses)</td>
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<td>Complete Clinical Experience - finalise Portfolio and carry out expert and self assessment of clinical practice.</td>
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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).
REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   Students must complete clinical placement to satisfy the clinical objectives of this course. The clinical requirement in this course contributes to the minimum requirement of the program of 800 hours clinical placement which must be carried out over three semesters. Clinical experience includes both paid clinical practice and a small degree of unpaid supernumerary clinical practice. During clinical placement students must follow hospital policy and procedure and maintain safe, professional practice as outlined by nursing and midwifery professional bodies practice guidelines.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without (prior) approval of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the available marks for those items. To be assured of a pass in the clinical component, students must provide verification that they have undertaken all the placements and key clinical skills and 'achieved competency', as measured by the
ANMC Competency Based Assessment Tools, in all the designated areas of the 'Clinical Skills Portfolio'. The student will then be awarded 1 mark for this assessment item. Otherwise 0 marks will be awarded and the student will not pass the course. To pass the Competency Portfolio, the student must demonstrate 'competency' of midwifery practice by providing an ANMC Competency Portfolio, consisting of clinical scenarios, validated by clients and endorsed midwives, and other relevant evidence to support the claim that their practice meets at least one cue of each element in every ANMC Competency. During clinical placement, students must follow hospital policy and procedure and maintain safe, professional practice as outlined by nursing and midwifery professional bodies practice guidelines. To be assured of a pass in the observational assessment, students must demonstrate that they meet the ANMC competencies. ANMC competency is determined through the observational assessment of the student's midwifery practice by a trained competency assessor at the partner hospitals. The assessor verifies that a student's practice is competent by signing a statement that the student is able to demonstrate that he/she meets each and every ANMC competency as outlined on the ANMC Competency Evaluation Tool.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must dispatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the dispatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

10 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. If requested, students will be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be dispatched to USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request being made.

11 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

12 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.

13 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

14 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

15 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are
to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.

16 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in this course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.

17 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.