

The Childbirth Continuum

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	4103MW
Formal Module Title	The Childbirth Continuum
Owning School	Nursing and Allied Health
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Nursing and Allied Health

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	36
Tutorial	1
Workshop	11

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-CTY	CTY	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To develop students' understanding of the foundations of midwifery practice throughout the childbirth continuum with a focus on the holistic needs of women and families.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Identify the individual aspects of the childbirth continuum
MLO2	2	Demonstrate knowledge of how women are supported during the physical, psychological and emotional changes of the childbirth continuum.
MLO3	3	Recognise how socio-cultural factors impact on women’s experiences within maternity services.
MLO4	4	Explain how the midwife provides care alongside the multi professional team in relation to women, families and their support networks.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Contraception, pre-conception care, sexual health, early pregnancy loss, antenatal care, the anatomy and physiology of labour and birth, anatomy of the fetal skull, optimal fetal positioning, supporting normal birth, simulation of normal birth, place of birth, water birth, hypno-birth, postnatal care, pelvic health, communication, continuity of care, alternative therapies, cultural competency, diversity, informed choice/consent, human rights, professionalism, role of the midwife in supporting women, the role of policy, protocol and guidelines.
Module Overview	This module will develop your understanding of the foundations of midwifery practice throughout the childbirth continuum with a focus on the holistic needs of women and families.
Additional Information	The module will enable student midwives to gain an understanding of the multi-faceted and changing needs of women along the childbirth continuum. It will introduce the role of the midwife as an autonomous professional and the role alongside the multi-disciplinary team to plan, evaluate and advocate for women. This module is aligned to BFI standards. Through formative and summative learning and teaching, students will be enabled to consider provision of maternity services.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	3000 words	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Sarah McNamara	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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