High Risk Midwifery
Module Code NURM119

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 7

Module Aims
This module explores obstetric complications and the methods for assessing critically ill women during pregnancy and the puerperium.

It focuses on research evidence relating to complications in pregnancy, to assist in the diagnosis and development of management plans, including the making of appropriate referrals. This will be underpinned by in-depth knowledge and understanding of normal maternal physiology and associated pathophysiology relating to complications in pregnancy. It also involves the analysis of national and local policy which underpins the provision of care to high risk women, specifically in relation to the role of the midwife.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the pathophysiology of obstetric complications and the methods for assessing critically ill women during the childbearing continuum.
- Critically evaluate contemporary practice, specifically in relation to the diagnosis and management of complications associated with pregnancy.
- Reflect upon and critically assess the role of the midwife when providing healthcare to critically ill women.
- Explore opportunities to for the autonomous midwife to improve health outcomes for women experiencing complications of pregnancy.

Module Content
Indicative content includes:

- Fertility awareness
- Perinatal mental health issues
- Complications associated with pregnancy, labour and the puerperium
- The compromised fetus
- Maternal mortality
- Identifying the deteriorating woman
- Fluid and airway management in an obstetric patient
- Critical incident analysis

Pre-requisites/co-requisites of study
Students must be a Registered Midwife

Delivery of Module
The learning and teaching methods include:

- Lectures
- Discussion Groups
- Seminars
- SurreyLearn (On-line learning)

Assessment
A Case Study:
An analysis of current evidence involving a maternal complication affecting pregnancy. This will include detail relating to diagnosis and assessment of the clinical case and a management plan identifying referral strategies.

Word Count: 3,000 words

Key Information

Study Dates
This module is next scheduled to run in the academic year 2019/20

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

Location
University of Surrey

Cost £TBC

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