

Course Syllabus

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Course Code: HON 450

Course Title: Applied Topics in Midwifery Practice: Development of Policy and Procedures

Course Credit: 4.0

Course Description: This course is designed to apply the tools learned in the BSM research courses to clinical practice in the development of evidence-based clinical guidelines. The midwife-student is charged with researching, analyzing and distilling clinical information relevant to their practice. This course is an opportunity for students to apply their understanding of research directly to everyday practice.

Course Objectives:

In addition to the [BSM Degree Learning Objectives](#) upon completing this course the student will:

- Understand current research affecting midwifery practice
- Be familiar with current standards of practice in the field of midwifery and related health fields
- Be able to translate midwifery research into practice
- Understand the variability in practice guidelines and choose the clinical orientation most appropriate for practice and clientele

Learning Activities:

(See Course Assignments)

1. Student reads appropriate sections from the Learning Materials/Resources.
2. Student researches appropriate resources, including but not limited to state practice guidelines, state laws, and regulations regarding the practice of midwifery.
3. Student reviews current research on procedures and screening commonly used in midwifery and obstetrics.
4. Student writes a glossary of terms.
5. Student writes Practice and Procedures Handbook for their practice.

Learning Materials / Resources:

Please use textbooks/resources less than 5 years old or most recent edition.

- State practice guidelines (NM, AK, TN, CA, AZ are just a few that can be accessed online)
- State laws and regulations regarding the practice of midwifery
- Policy and procedures from other clinics and homebirth practices
- Current research on procedures and screening commonly used in midwifery and obstetrics

- Midwives Alliance of North America. www.MANA.org [_ \(http://www.MANA.org\)](http://www.MANA.org)
- Childbirth Connection. www.childbirthconnection.org [_ \(http://www.childbirthconnection.org\)](http://www.childbirthconnection.org)
- North American Registry of Midwives. www.NARM.org [_ \(http://www.NARM.org\)](http://www.NARM.org)

Evaluation Tools / Methods:

Minimum passing grade for all courses is a cumulative 80% / B-. Students and preceptors are encouraged to work together until the student masters the information.

Grades are not recorded until both the student and preceptor submit end of trimester evaluations.

This course is to be evaluated by the preceptor for completion and quality. 100% of the grade for this course is based on the final product produced by the midwife-student. The final project must meet community standards for professionalism, completion, thoroughness, and evidence-based.

The student's final grade for the course is based on preceptor evaluation of the following:

1. The preceptor evaluates each answer based on NCM rubrics and NCM's degree level profile.
2. Student's answers should reflect a thorough review of current literature regarding best current practices in midwifery care.
3. Each answer should be formed in the student's own words or paraphrased from the text. Proper citation should always be used.


Course credit: One Academic credit equals approximately 15 hours of formal time plus 30 hours of additional study or homework. Formal time is defined as the amount of time taken to answer the Learning Objectives to the level of 80% and to complete any learning activities to the preceptor's satisfaction, including any time spent face to face with the preceptor. Informal time includes any time spent actively reading relevant sources and textbook/s, researching Learning Objectives, and studying for examinations.

Portfolio requirement:

In order to complete the BSM program, the student must upload select assignments that have been completed and graded by the preceptor onto a dropbox.com account for final review by College staff.

1. The required assignment for this course is to upload the final Practice and Procedures Handbook.

Course Summary:

Date	Details
	 Draft Antepartum Care Policy and Procedure (https://ncm.instructure.com/courses/161/assignments/13448)
	Draft Glossary of Terms