

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Autonomous Midwifery: Leadership & Practice		
Module Code	HEA00157H	Module Level*	6
Word Limit /Exam Duration	3,000 words	Assessment Type(s)	Essay based on a clinical scenario
Marking Criteria Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the marking criteria guidance for the module level* noted above: http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/exam-assess/markgrid/			
Confidentiality It is a breach of confidentiality to disclose any personal information about a patient, service user, colleague, staff or any other person or place that could in principle enable them to be identified. For further guidance please refer to the departmental policy on Confidentiality at the following link: www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/exam-assess/conduct/confidentiality/			
Assessment Timing The deadline for correctly presenting a submission is 4.30pm on the published submission date. The submission deadline is published on the Programme Assessment Schedule available on the following link: http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/student-intranet/timetables/assessment-schedules/			
Referencing You must reference your work in accordance with departmental referencing guidelines which you can access via the following link: http://www.york.ac.uk/integrity/harvard.html			
<i>Note: This document uses the word 'women' throughout. This should be taken to include people who do not identify as women but are pregnant or who have given birth.</i> Assessment title Essay based on a clinical scenario Assessment guidance The summative assessment for this module is a 3,000-word essay. The aim of this assessment is for you to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding and critically analyse accountable and autonomous midwifery practice, as you prepare to become the lead professional for midwifery care. You will be required to identify an experience from practice learning which demonstrates you have achieved at least two of the following: 1. Applied concepts, approaches and/or styles of leadership within midwifery/maternity care. 2. Acted in accordance with relevant legal, regulatory, and governance requirements, policies, and ethical frameworks. 3. Demonstrated effective decision-making in a complex or challenging situation. 4. Demonstrated your ability to work in partnership with women/ building trusting, respectful, kind, and compassionate person-centred relationships, basing care on individual needs, views, preferences, and decisions. The essay should be referenced and formatted according to departmental guidelines. Formative support Submission of either a draft plan or section of your summative essay for written feedback (500 words). In addition, you may submit a bullet point summary of your scenario for context (not included in the word count). Draft to be submitted via the VLE as per the assessment schedule.			
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