

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Critiquing Contemporary Midwifery Practice		
Module Code	HEA00178M	Module Level*	7
Word Limit /Exam Duration	20 mins presentation & 10 mins Q&A	Assessment Type(s)	Presentation (oral)
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/			
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Assessment Timing 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/			
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Assessment Guidance

Assessment title Oral Presentation

Assessment guidance

For this assessment you will produce a PowerPoint/alternative presentation which is a critical exploration of a contemporary midwifery practice issue from local, regional, national or global perspectives. The contemporary midwifery practice issue can be based on a clinical, or organisational issue.

You should utilise relevant evidence-based resources to support your discussions. A reference list for your presentation should be included in your final slide. A maximum of 10 slides should be used and may be presented in the format outlined below:

1. Title Slide

2. Introduction & Context

3. Aim & Objectives

4. Description of the contemporary midwifery practice issue

- Define the contemporary midwifery practice issue
- Describe how the issue presents in practice in a local, regional, national or global perspective
- Consider professional obligations and potential ethical dilemmas.

5. Evidence & Literature Review

- Summarise and analyse key research findings and guidelines
- Highlight gaps in current knowledge or practice
- Include relevant data/lack of data

6. Analysis of Contributing Factors

- Clinical, organisational, educational and policy
- Consideration of impact on relevant stakeholder

7. Considerations & Limitations

- Outline existing interventions or protocols
- Discuss their effectiveness and challenges

8. Proposed Solutions / Recommendations for Practice

- Evidence-based strategies for improvement
- Implementation considerations (resources, training, policy changes)

9. Conclusion

10. References

You will have 20 minutes for your presentation, followed by 10 minutes of questions from the assessor(s). Your presentation will be required to be uploaded by the date/time specified on the assessment schedule. Due to the nature of the assessment for this module the University's anonymous marking policy does not apply to the assessment as students can be identified through the content or delivery of the assessment. Therefore assessments submitted should be identified with the student's name only and not the student's examination candidate number.

Formative support

Written feedback on a draft (500 word) plan or section of your presentation according to the assessment schedule.

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