

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Developing Professional Self in Midwifery		
Module Code	HEA00166I	Module Level*	5
Word Limit /Exam Duration	2,000 words	Assessment Type(s)	Reflective essay
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			

Assessment Guidance

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.

Assessment title

Reflective essay

Assessment guidance

The summative assessment for this module is a reflective essay.

You are required to identify a scenario from your Stage 2 clinical practice which demonstrates your development to be a midwifery colleague, working with women, families, interdisciplinary and multi-agency teams to provide safe and effective care, incorporating the principles of:

- human factors
- environmental factors
- strength-based approaches.

Reflect on this scenario using a model of reflection, including analysis and discussion of your development of relevant professional skills, qualities and behaviours (e.g. advocacy, assertiveness, resilience). Indicate clearly how your learning and reflection has progressed your 'developing professional self'.

Your reflection should incorporate the following:

- Application of a suitable model of reflection to your scenario.
- Critical evaluation of theory that underpins your reflection.
- Analysis and evaluation of how your learning from this scenario will positively influence your future practice.
- Application of relevant, contemporary reading in relation to professional skills, qualities and behaviours, as relevant to your scenario.
- Demonstration of accurate referencing technique using the Harvard referencing system.

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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