

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Evidence Based Midwifery Care		
Module Code	HEA00169I	Module Level*	5
Word Limit /Exam Duration	2,500 words	Assessment Type(s)	Research critique

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>

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You are required to undertake a critical appraisal of a research paper of your choice. The chosen research paper should relate to a clinical question arising from an uncertainty in clinical practice.

The critical appraisal should be presented as the main focus of an essay. The essay must follow the evidence-based practice process and it is therefore recommended that you use the following points to guide your essay structure

Introduction:

- begin your essay by introducing the concepts of evidence-based practice and critical appraisal

Main body of the essay:

- begin with the rationale for your choice of topic (Why is it important? What is the nature of the uncertainty?), citing relevant background literature to support your choice.
- translate the clinical uncertainty into an answerable clinical question.
- include a relevant electronic search strategy; your search strategy must be appended.
- identify one research paper that addresses the clinical question.
- use an appropriate tool to critically appraise the paper for scientific quality, validity, and rigour.
- Include an accompanying plain language summary (max. 250 words) Conclusion:
- A brief summary of your essay, revisiting your original clinical question.

The research paper that you use must be appended and submitted with the written report.

Formative support

You will have the opportunity to submit and receive written feedback on a 500-word draft relating to your summative assessment). Draft to be submitted via the VLE as per the assessment schedule.

Your formative draft may include:

- An outline of your chosen topic/appraisal tool/clinical question/search strategy and rationale
- Examples of key source material you will use to underpin your work

- Draft section(s) of your essay (e.g. your response to one or two sections of your chosen appraisal tool), with
- specific questions relating to areas of your work you require feedback on (e.g. application of theory to
- practice; level of analysis; explanation of relevant issues etc).

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