

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

Module Title	Universal Midwifery Care: Postnatal		
Module Code	HEA00078C	Module Level*	4
Word Limit /Exam Duration	2,000 words	Assessment Type(s)	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>

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 Guidance

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Essay

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The summative assessment for this module is an essay. You are required to identify and explore a contemporary postnatal topic suitable for universal midwifery care. You will use this to form a relevant question which you will address in your essay, using relevant evidence.

You must include the following in your essay:

- Clearly identify a contemporary postnatal topic with rationale for your choice
- Identify and address an answerable question for your contemporary postnatal topic, suitable for universal midwifery care
- Demonstrate contemporary knowledge that will facilitate the provision of universal care of the woman and/or neonate (as appropriate to your question).
- Include relevant, contemporary evidence to address your question.
- Consider the roles and responsibilities of the midwife providing universal care as related to your question.
- Demonstrate accurate referencing technique using the Harvard referencing system.
- This submission has a strict word limit of 2000 words.

Formative support

Submission of either a draft essay plan or section of your summative essay (including proposed question and rationale) for written feedback (500 words). Draft to be submitted via the VLE as per the assessment schedule.

Submission of either a draft plan or section of your summative essay for written feedback (500 words). If you are submitting a section, in addition you may submit a bullet point summary of your scenario for context (not included in the word count). Up to five references can be included in a references list (not included in the word count). Draft to be submitted via the VLE as per the assessment schedule.

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