

## ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE

<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Knowledge and Evidence Informing Midwifery Practice</b>		
<b>Module Code</b>	<b>HEA00023I</b>	<b>Module Level*</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Word Limit /Exam Duration</b>	<b>2,500 words</b>	<b>Assessment Type(s)</b>	<b>Essay</b>

### 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/](http://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

#### **Formative Assessment:**

You will have the opportunity to submit and receive feedback on a 500-word (maximum) draft relating to your summative assessment (essay).

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
- An essay plan outlining your proposed structure and how you will develop your discussion – i.e. the main points you plan to cover in your essay.
- 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).

#### **Summative Assessment:**

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.
- briefly discuss the findings of the research paper in the context of the findings of other research undertaken in the same subject area and state the relevance of these findings to clinical practice.

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. Failure to do so will result in a failure of the assignment. The maximum mark available in this circumstance will be 39.**

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