**Title:** Fundamentals of Midwifery Practice  
**Abbreviation and Number:** MIDW300  
**AB Paper No.:** 14-169  
**School:** Nursing and Allied Health Professions  
**Department:** Allied Health  
**Credits:** 4  
**Course Sequence:** ( ) Fall ( ) Spring ( ) Fall and Spring  
**Hours Per Week:** ( 4 ) Lecture ( ) Seminar ( ) Laboratory ( ) Studio ( ) Kitchen ( ) Other (Specify)  
**Pre-requisite(s):** Admission to Programme or Permission of Chair/Instructor  
**Co-requisite(s):** MIDW301, MIDW302, MIDW303, MIDW311

**DESCRIPTION**

Students explore the historical development and fundamental healthcare concepts of midwifery practice. Emphasis is on the delivery of care to support the child bearing woman and her family.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. Compare the historical development of midwifery practice nationally, regionally and internationally;
2. Discuss the role of the midwife in the delivery of maternal and child health services;
3. Describe primary healthcare concepts in the delivery of services to the maternal and child health population;
4. Utilize communication skills in the teaching/learning, interviewing and counselling process;
5. Assess family development taking into account socio-economic and environmental factors; and
6. Plan and implement programmes for delivering midwifery care.

**COURSE CONTENT**

I. Historical Development of Midwifery Practice  
   A. The Bahamas  
   B. The Caribbean  
   C. North America  
   D. The United Kingdom  
   E. Other countries  
   F. Laws  
      i. The child bearing woman  
      ii. Midwifery practice

II. Maternal and Child Health Services  
   A. Goals  
   B. Family health care  
   C. Socio-economic factors  
   D. Health strategies  
   E. Role of the midwife

III. Primary Healthcare  
   A. Policies and organization  
   B. Benefits  
   C. Activities  
   D. Strategies
E. Relationships between primary, secondary and tertiary levels of care  
F. Role of the midwife  

IV. Teaching and Counseling Concepts  
A. Communication  
   i. Techniques  
   ii. Processes  
   iii. Barriers  
B. Interviewing  
   i. Techniques  
   ii. Purpose  
C. Counseling  
   Problem solving  

V. Childbearing Woman and Family  
A. Family structures and functions  
B. Socio-economic considerations  
C. Environmental factors  
D. Family life education  
E. Human sexuality  

VI. Health Information  
A. Sources  
B. Collection  
C. Use  
D. Vital statistics  

ASSESSMENT  
Assignments…………………………………… 20%  
Project………………………………………… 15%  
Mid-Semester Examination……………….. 25%  
Final Examination…………………………. 40%  
Total…………………………………….100%  

REQUIRED TEXTS  

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS/MATERIALS  
The College of The Bahamas

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JOURNALS
British Journal of Midwifery
International Midwifery
Journal of Midwifery and Woman’s Health
Nursing for Women’s Health
RCM Midwives

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