THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS
Course Outline

Title: Midwifery Practicum I
Abbreviation and Number: MIDW303
School: Nursing and Allied Health Professions
Department: Allied Health
Credits: 4
Course Sequence: ( ) Fall ( ) Spring ( ) Fall and Spring

Hours Per Week:
( ) Lecture ( ) Seminar ( ) Laboratory ( ) Studio ( ) Kitchen
(12) Other (Practicum )

Pre-requisite(s): Admission to Programme or Permission of Chair/Instructor
Co-requisite(s): MIDW300, MIDW301, MIDW302, MIDW311

DESCRIPTION
Students apply the fundamental skills, concepts and principles necessary to deliver nursing care to pregnant women. Emphasis is on the antepartum period.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to
1. Provide midwifery care to the pregnant woman during the antepartum period utilising appropriate skills and techniques;
2. Educate the antepartum client applying theoretical knowledge and teaching principles; and
3. Manage the antepartum client utilising the principles of the nursing process, Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs and Adaptation Theories.

COURSE CONTENT
I. Maternal/Child Health Services and Primary Health Care
   A. Antenatal clinic
   B. Child health clinic
   C. Post natal services
   D. Family planning clinic

II. Management During the Antepartum Period
   A. Classification of antenatal clients
   B. History taking
   C. Calculation of expected date of delivery
   D. Physical examination
   E. Abdominal examination
   F. Nutritional status
   G. Pelvic assessment
   H. Speculum examination
   I. Minor disorders
   J. Venipunctures
   K. Diagnostic tests and investigations

III. Education and Documentation of the Antepartum Client
   A. Parent craft teaching sessions
   B. Education and counseling of the child bearing family
   C. Documentation of outcomes
IV. Nursing Process and the Antepartum Client
   A. Assessment
   B. Planning
   C. Implementation
   D. Evaluation
   E. DOCAP (Discussion, Observation, Change, Action, Planning) charting
   F. Defaulter patients

ASSESSMENT
Parent Craft and/or Clinic Talks...................... 20%
Laboratory Books........................................ 20%
Case Study.................................................. 25%
Final Clinical Assessment............................. 35%
Total..........................................................100%

REQUIRED TEXTS

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS/MATERIALS

JOURNALS
British Journal of Midwifery
International Midwifery
Journal of Midwifery and Woman’s Health
Journal of Obstetrics, Gynaecologic, and Neonatal Nursing
RCM Midwives

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