THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS
Course Outline

Title: The Intrapartum
Abbreviation and Number: MIDW304  AB Paper No.: 14-173
School: Nursing and Allied Health Professions
Department: Allied Health
Credits: 5  Course Sequence: ( ) Fall ( ) Spring ( ) Fall and Spring
Hours Per Week: ( 4 ) Lecture ( ) Seminar ( 2 ) Laboratory ( ) Studio ( ) Kitchen
( ) Other (Specify)
Pre-requisite(s): MIDW300, MIDW301, MIDW302, MIDW303, MIDW311 or Permission of Chair/Instructor
Co-requisite(s): MIDW305, MIDW307, MIDW312, NURS317

DESCRIPTION
Students focus on the management of the woman and foetus during the normal labour and delivery process as well as management of the immediate care of the newborn. Management in both hospital and home settings are explored.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to
1. Apply knowledge of the physiological changes involved in the process of normal labour and delivery;
2. Identify the needs of the mother and foetus during normal labour and delivery;
3. Demonstrate skills in managing the woman during normal labour and delivery and the immediate care of the newborn in a supervised setting; and
4. Prepare mothers and families for management of normal labour and delivery in a supervised primary health care settings.

COURSE CONTENT
I. Physiology of Normal Labour
   A. Factors contributing to the onset and progress
   B. Physiological changes
   C. Comparison of true and false labour
   D. Mechanisms
   E. Asepsis

II. Management of Normal Labour and Delivery
   A. First Stage
      i. The partogram
      ii. Pain management
      iii. Foetal well being
   B. Second Stage
      Delivery technique
   C. Third Stage
      i. Methods of delivery
      ii. Oxytocics
   D. Fourth Stage
      Management
      a. Mother
      b. Newborn
III. Immediate Care of the Newborn
   A. Apgar score
   B. Physical assessment
   C. Medication administration

IV. Delivery in Primary Health Care Settings
   A. Home
   B. Clinic
   C. Preparation
   D. Management
   E. Medication
   F. Contraindications

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

REQUIRED TEXTS

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS/MATERIALS

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

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