



SCHOOL OF NURSING

UNIT OUTLINE

School/Division: SCHOOL OF NURSING

Unit Title: MIDWIFERY IN CONTEXT

Unit Code: NM 442

Prerequisites: Nil

Corequisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

Credit Points: 15

ASCED Code: 060303

Objectives:

On completion of this unit students will be able to:

- understand the historical significance of childbirth and mothering through the exploration of historical texts, film and art in midwifery throughout the ages;
- examine the impact of identified factors on the experience of women and their family during the pregnancy-childbirth continuum including cultural beliefs and practices relevant to specific groups in Australia;
- analyse selected social, cultural and political factors influencing reproduction, childbirth and parenting in Australia;
- discuss the specific needs of vulnerable populations;
- examine the psychosocial development of the family with an awareness of the potential and actual problems associated with the pregnancy-childbirth continuum; and
- critically assess the implications of the identified beliefs and practices for the provision of appropriate maternity care.



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- social, cultural and political factors shaping reproduction and mothering.
- changing patterns of parenting.
- images of women and childbearing.
- cultural beliefs and practices relating to childbirth and children.
- disadvantaged and marginalized groups
- functioning of the family.

Learning tasks and assessment

Learning Task	Assessment	Percentage
Impact of sociocultural issues on midwifery practice	Seminar presentation	40%
Critical Analysis of social, cultural or political factors shaping reproduction and mothering	Assignment 3,000 words	60%

Adopted Reference Style

- APA Australian MLA Chicago
- Other (please specify)