MODULE SPECIFICATION

KEY FACTS

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<th>Module name</th>
<th>Risk and Midwifery Practice</th>
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MODULE SUMMARY

This module will enable you to develop a greater insight into advancement of midwifery care of women during critical episodes in childbirth

Educational aims

The module will enable you to:

- Critically evaluate current clinical practice management arrangements and inter-professional practices during critical situations

- Critically examine the care provided in or giving rise to adverse care situations and propose improvements supported by the best available evidence

Content outline

- Theories of risk
- Calculation of risk
- Strategies for individual risk assessment and their limitations.
- Meanings of risk for service users: qualitative research approaches; communicating information about risk
- Organisational models of risk management – clinical governance
- Analysis of adverse events; Standard setting and audit of practice
- Social context of risk, environmental influences
WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this module, you will be expected to be able to:

**Knowledge and understanding:**

- Critically appraise the range of meanings that are ascribed to the concept risk
- Examine and critically appraise the systems approaches to theories of risk and risk reduction
- Critically appraise historical, social and professional meanings of “risk” and consider the implications of these for the concept of “risk” in childbirth
- Evaluate models for the assessment and subsequent clinical management of risk factors in childbirth

**Skills:**

- Critically explore the midwifery contribution to strategic decision-making about risk in the context of Clinical Governance
- Propose evidence-based recommendations for improving practice in relation to risk in childbirth

**Values and attitudes:**

- Evaluate strategies used to communicate concepts of risk to clients in relation to women’s social and cultural contexts
- Demonstrate an understanding of how understanding about risk can impact upon practice

HOW WILL I LEARN?

**Lead Lectures**
This is a useful method for presenting an overview of new material and will stimulate you to read further around this subject.

**Small group work**
Small groups will encourage you to apply theory to practice and extend the depth and breadth of your knowledge; providing opportunities for debate, exploration of personal thoughts and ideas and practice experiences.

**Personal Tutorials**
Tutorials and reflection on learning with your personal tutor enable your progress to be discussed as well as issues of concern about the programme raised. Tutorials also offer
you academic and pastoral support and may be face to face or on line via a provided virtual learning environment (VLE).

**VLE**
The Moodle on line module will enable a variety of communication forums providing both real time and on-going discussion and reflection.

**Module structure**
18 contact hours, 3 hours weekly for 6 weeks

*Teaching pattern:*

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**Totals:** 18 132 150

**WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?**

**Assessments**
This assessment provides you with an opportunity to demonstrate the use of theoretical perspectives on risk to critically analyse issues in clinical practice.

You will need to identify a specific clinical incident or an on-going issue in your own clinical practice which raises challenges with respect to the management of risk or the maintenance of safe and good quality care.

Your 3000 word essay should identify and analyse the elements of the situation described which have relevance to the practice of risk management, using theoretical perspectives about risk which are raised in this module. Attention should be given to applying your analysis to the advancement of your own clinical practice and judgement or the policies of the unit in which you work.

*Assessment pattern:*

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<th>Weighting</th>
<th>Minimum qualifying mark</th>
<th>Pass/Fail?</th>
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<td>Critical evaluation of an area of risk management</td>
<td>3000 word essay (coursework)</td>
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**Assessment criteria**
Information on the above module assessment criteria and grade-related criteria can be found on the module space in Moodle.
Feedback on assessment

- This comprises a marker’s comments on your performance in the assessment. It will facilitate your understanding of the achievement in the assessment and will promote learning and self-reflection so that you improve your performance in subsequent assessments.
- You will be provided with written feedback.
- You will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date.

Assessment Regulations

The Pass mark for the module is 50%. Any minimum qualifying marks for specific assessments are listed in the table above. The weighting of the different components can also be found above. The Programme Specification contains information on what happens if you fail an assessment component or the module.

INDICATIVE READING LIST


CNST. www.nhsla.com/RiskManagement


Lupton, D 1999 Risk. Blackwell


Appendix: see [http://www.hesa.ac.uk/content/view/1805/296/](http://www.hesa.ac.uk/content/view/1805/296/) for the full list of JACS codes and descriptions

### CODES

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<td>The study of the principles and techniques to allow midwives to deliver babies and treat mothers in the pre-natal, delivery and post-delivery periods.</td>
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Churchill Livingstone Elsevier.