

Pharmacology and Prescribing Compact Course for Midwives

Midwifery Council Approved Online Course for 2012

Suitable for New Zealand and overseas midwives updating their knowledge and practice related to assessment, diagnosis and prescribing medication appropriately. This online compact course covers the 'nuts and bolts' of midwifery prescribing, suitable for hospital and self-employed midwives.

The course is designed to review previous learning related to pharmacology and to address some of the learning required in relation to prescribing. It is essential that Midwives undertaking this course have a working knowledge of the Guidelines for Consultation with Obstetric and Related Medical Services plus the Primary Maternity Services Notice (2007).

Registered midwives undertaking elective education points (25 points)

Midwives who have registration with the New Zealand Midwifery Council (including the right to prescribe) are entitled to claim 25 elective education points from the New Zealand Midwifery Council once certificate of completion has been issued.

Overseas midwives undertaking a competency programme

Overseas midwives completing the Pharmacology and prescribing compact course for midwives as part of New Zealand registration (prescribing rights) are NOT entitled to claim New Zealand Midwifery Council elective education points – as per instruction from the Midwifery Council.

Online Course Content Includes:

- Legislation and scope of midwifery prescribing
- Pharmacology relating to pregnancy and childbirth
- Safety of drugs during pregnancy and lactation
- Antimicrobial resistance and prescriber responsibilities
- Differential diagnosis and scenario based prescribing
- Pharmacology and prescribing of postpartum contraception
- Useful websites and resources to assist learning.
- Printing out of any course materials is entirely at the cost and discretion of the student.

Enrolment Information

If you are interested in enrolling in this course please follow the process below:

- The easiest way to enrol for the compact course is to call the AUT Student Information Centre (SIC) on (09) 921 9779 and quote the course number “520046/12” .
- Alternatively you can go to <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/health-sciences/midwifery/continued-education-study> and click on “Apply”, there you will find a Short Course Application Form that can be completed and faxed to SIC on 09 921 9985.
- The cost for the course is \$350.00 excluding GST, this can be paid telephonically with your credit card number or you can wait for an invoice and then make payment.
- Once you have enrolled and paid, you will be loaded onto the course and your invoice/statement as well as login and password details will be posted to you.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ *You will only be granted access to the online course once you have paid in full.*
- ❖ *If you do not receive your login information within 3 working days of payment, please email or ring Tracy.*

For further information please contact:

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Course Information Centre

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Email: courseinfo@aut.ac.nz

Please Quote: COM520, Paper 520046/12

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Additional Information

- We highly recommend that you have Firefox and a reliable Broadband connection for this course.
- The course duration is equal to 100 hours of study and must be completed within 6 months, we recommend that you submit your long answer questions within 4 months to allow time for marking and re-submission if required.

Assessment Information for this Course:

- You will be given a maximum of 3 opportunities to answer each of the multi-choice tests on-line. The pass is 90% or above. If you have achieved a pass, you do not need to redo the multi-choice test.
- WHEN to undertake each of the multi-choice tests? It is recommended that you do the first multi-choice test at the end of module one, the second test at the end of module two, the third test after Scenario 3 in module three, and the fourth test covers Module 3 content from Scenario 4 up until the postpartum contraception questions.
- NOTE: Multi-choice questions are randomized and therefore are likely to appear in a different order in each test
- DO NOT OPEN THE MULTI CHOICE TESTS UNLESS YOU ARE READY TO SIT THE TEST. Opening the test counts as an opportunity and you will automatically be given a mark. Lecturers are able to see on-line results each time a midwife has opened or attempted a multi-choice test.
- Multi-choice questions are completed online and long answer questions must be submitted via email to tracy.skolmen@aut.ac.nz for marking within 4 months of enrolment.
- If you have any difficulty with the timed online questions, do not begin a test again without speaking to a person from AUT.
- An AUT lecturer will be available via email should you require any additional support with this course.