 Elective Midwifery Practicum  
(MIDW811) 15 points

Pathways, programmes/specialisations the paper is attached to
Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science, Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science, Master of Health Practice and Master of Health Science in the specialisation area of Midwifery

Am I eligible to enroll in this paper?
This paper is for Registered Midwives.

What is this paper about?
Develops midwifery expertise for women in approved practicum context. Practicum context is critiqued and own midwifery practice development is critically examined.

What can I expect to learn?
• Students will have individual practicum contexts:
  o Critical analysis evidence for practice and Identify enablers and barriers in practicum context.
  o Critical analysis of strategies proposed/ implemented for women in practicum context.
  o Learning agreement specifies own practice development goals.
  o Practicing midwifery in practicum situation, collaborative midwifery practice.
  o The woman-midwife relationship, keeping the woman at the centre of care and meeting her needs in practicum environment, including her cultural and social needs, maintaining the socio-cultural significance of childbearing/birth in the practicum situation.
  o Accurate assessment and decision making, diagnosis of actual and potential problems for individuals, evaluation and prioritization.
  o Creative planning and management of care to optimise outcomes for the woman and her baby.

How is this paper taught?
Location: Online
Teaching Period: Offered in both Semester 1 and Semester 2
Block Course: No. Entirely practice based
Teaching Style: This paper consists of 100 hours of practice in an area negotiated between the student, the clinical placement area and the lecturer to meet the students learning goals. Practice is supported with online learning and video conferencing (zoom) discussions.

How will I be assessed?
1. Portfolio Essay (2000 words)

Who will be teaching me?
Paper Coordinator: Dr. Diana Austin DHSc, MA (Hons), BA, RM, RCpN, CerTT
Education, research and community leadership are an integral part of Diana’s career in healthcare. She has combined these with roles in clinical practice, clinical governance and quality improvement within the District Health Boards. Diana’s doctoral action research involved working with health professionals to create a support resource to use following a critical incident. This resource is now being adapted for other services. Diana co-leads the Action Research Connections group at AUT and has several projects and Doctoral students using this methodology.

Diana was previously Programme Leader in the Midwifery Department for three years and is currently semester coordinator for the first-year undergraduate students and the post graduate Complex Care Course.

Fees
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