Midwifery education - Principles of planning, designing and evaluating

European Master of Science in Midwifery

The European Master of Science in Midwifery started in September 2009 in Glasgow and Hanover. Hannover Medical School participates by offering parts of the introductory module, i.e. European health care systems and midwifery practice, the compulsory module “Advanced research methods”, as well as several elective modules. It is also possible to book the module “Master thesis” and to hand in the final thesis at Hannover Medical School. The programme is primarily a distance education programme utilising online teaching and learning resources.

Elective module: Midwifery education - Principles of planning, designing and evaluating

Midwifery master students are learners themselves but also may fill in the role of teachers in midwifery education. This module will offer students fundamental knowledge about the planning, implementing and evaluating of curricula and educational programmes. Although it can not impart a thorough pedagogic training it will provide the students with in-depth understanding of learning theories and their implications for curriculum development in midwifery education. Principles of adult learning and self directed learning will be discussed in relation to basic and further professional education. Planning, implementing and quality assurance of curricular processes will be explored. Supported by the module leader students will transfer this educational knowledge to the field of midwifery education. They will choose a topic of relevance for midwifery curricula design and critical reflect its implications. This module also offers the possibility for a critical reflection of own learning processes and approaches to life long learning and further education.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module you should be able to
- critically appraise the role and implications of learning theories in developing midwifery education curricula
- explain relevant elements of curricular processes
- critically reflect the planning, designing and evaluating of different programmes of midwifery education
Module specifics
- 8 ECTS Credit Points
- Duration 9 weeks, part time study
- Teaching and communication language is English. Assignments may be handed in either English, or German.
- Online education: You have access to the electronic library of the Hannover Medical School, as well as to the specifically generated learning material for the module. All assignments and group work will take place on ILIAS, the learning platform which connects you with your tutor and your fellow students, in the virtual meeting room of DFN Video Conference, and via Skype®.

Teaching methods
The main method used is inquiry based learning: You and your fellow students are connected online as a study group. Together, you develop questions and aims on the basis of provided learning scenarios. Following that, you pursue the topic you have discussed with the members of your study group and your tutor. You might decide to work as a group e.g. by developing a common wiki, or pursue an individual task by developing a presentation, a scientific poster, a concept map, etc.

Usually, one scenario is processed per week and presented in the weekly tutorials. There, you will receive extensive feedback from your peers and your tutor. Despite the two-hour tutorials per week you are free to distribute your workload according to your needs and preferences. If necessary, directed learning activities with specified tasks are scheduled in order to ensure that the learning outcomes are reached. Online-lectures will be provided by the module leader to support knowledge acquisition on specific topics.

As the module takes place exclusively online, you need to have high speed internet access, up to date equipment, as well as sufficient computer skills. All specific programmes are currently available free of charge, or are covered by your study fees.

Admission requirements
All admission requirements for the European Master of Science in Midwifery programme apply. Specific conditions apply for guests, booking this module without taking part in the MSc-programme. The prior participation of the module “learning and teaching in midwifery education” is recommended but not requested. Please contact the module leader for details.

Practical information
- The module costs 480 €. Additional costs for literature might apply. A specific cost plan is available for participants pursuing the module to meet their requirements for continuing education.
- The module runs from May to July.
- Please apply as soon as possible.
- Applications might be sent by e-mail directly to the study organisation: Schmitz.Gabriela@mh-hannover.de. Please send a copy of your email to Gehling.Hanna@mh-hannover.de and state your full name, address, and your date of birth.
- Further information can be obtained from http://www.mh-hannover.de/hebammenstudiengang.html regarding organisational matters or from Gabriela.Schmitz@mh-hannover.de regarding content and requirements of the module.