

Midwifery Initiated Oral Health



Course Overview

Poor oral health during pregnancy can have a significant impact on the health of the mother and the child. Poor maternal oral health may contribute to adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as preterm or low birth-weight babies and an increase the chance of infants developing early dental decay.

Although there is still debate on the effectiveness of dental treatment in improving pregnancy outcomes, the general consensus is that dental treatment is safe and all pregnant women should receive a dental check early in their pregnancy. Midwives are in an excellent position to offer preventative oral health services involving screening, education and referral during the prenatal period.

The Midwifery Initiated Oral Health (MIOH) course discusses the current state of oral health care in Australia, outcomes of poor oral health, the anatomy and physiology of the oral cavity, and lastly screening and assessment processes.

This course is designed for qualified midwives who want to gain skills in assessing and initiating oral health care for women during pregnancy and postnatal.

CPD:

This course has been recognised by the ACM for 16 CPD hours, which is equivalent to the course duration.

Course Access:

All users are provided with 12 months access from the date of their enrolment.

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Learning Outcomes

Existing Knowledge (Pre-test) & Consolidated Knowledge (Post-test)

We ask you to complete a short quiz pre and post completion of this course, in order to ascertain your knowledge and understanding of oral health and the role of midwives in initiating oral health care for women during pregnancy.

Module 1: Understanding the current state of oral care in Australia

This module focuses on background information about research into the current state of oral health in pregnant women and children.

Module 2: Anatomy and physiology of the oral cavity

This module reviews some of the basic anatomy and physiology of the oral cavity and how pregnancy changes the environment within the oral cavity. It also provides a visual overview into healthy and unhealthy oral conditions so midwives can develop a broader knowledge.

Module 3: Oral health screening

This module relates specifically to midwifery care. It contains the specific questions to be asked by this study and the guidelines for referral. A number of scenarios have been developed to provide midwives with a further guide for practice.

Examination

The theoretical examination consists of a combination of multiple choice questions, and true or false questions. The skill-based examination will require users to view a video before answering a series of multiple choice questions, and open-ended practical midwifery questions.

Additional Resources & Readings

This section contains each of the required readings for this course; you may also download these readings within the related module or within the module books. Users can also access a range of additional resources within this section, including state specific brochures and flyers.

Course Evaluation

We ask that each user provides feedback on their experience completing this course, including how they found the content, flow and assessment tasks. Responses will remain anonymous.

Certificate of Completion

Upon successful completion of each learning activity, you will be provided with a certificate of completion. We recommend downloading and saving a copy of this document as evidence within your portfolio.

General Course Structure

Each of the modules that deliver theory content will be formatted with 1.) a brief explanation of the theory, 2.) evidence to read and digest (i.e. peer review journals), 3.) review questions to answer based on the required reading materials, and 4.) an assessment/reflection activity to support your learning.

Module 3 will differ in composition as it discusses steps to take with your client to conduct an oral health assessment. You will be able to access the reference material referred to for this module within the Additional Resources & Readings section.