Midwifery
With Woman
Key history

- 1500s first midwifery school
- 1902 Midwives Act
- 1926 Midwives Act
- 1948 NHS born
- 1979 UKCC established now the NMC

(Leap and Hunter, 2013)
What a midwife does

- Public health
- Empower women
- Communication
- Co-ordinator of care
- Autonomous practitioner
- Lead practitioner in normal birth

I wear bodily fluids that aren't mine, I work weekends & holidays, I get screamed at & have my hands in other peoples orifices. Tell me again how hard you work?
Why midwifery
The life of a student midwife

- Course work
- Placement
- Portfolio
- EC competencies
- Positives
- Negatives

![MIDWIVES](image)
Proudest moment
Lows

“No, your mom isn’t rehearsing for the next ‘Night of the Living Dead’ movie. She always looks like that after working four 12-hour shifts.”
Excitement
My experience

Placement
Mentors
Lectures
WHSF
Cavell Nurses trust
Nepal
Qualities of student midwife

- an understanding and caring attitude
- an ability to get on well with people from a wide range of backgrounds
- emotional and mental strength
- good observation
- an ability to act on own initiative
- patience
- maturity
- willingness to take responsibility
- an ability to cope with distressing situations and to remain calm in stressful situations

(Nursing and midwifery | indirect, 2017)
Career opportunities

- Hospital based
- Community
- Additional training
- Specialist midwife
- Research midwife
- Consultant midwife
My future aspirations

- To be a good midwife and give every family the best experience I can
- Research
- Consultant midwife in public health
‘I’m a midwife and I’m proud
But there’s no need to sasy it loud
Midwives see sadness give kindness
See happiness and pain
Support women and families
Some who lose, some who gain
There are many facets to our role
And being’with woman’ is in our soles
To be present as a child arrives
Is a true honour in our eyes
We hope, We give, We cry, We love
We are so priviledged to just be there
It sounds a cliché but it is true
There’s nothing else I’d rather do.’

Jenny Clarke n.d.

Midwifery things, 2017)
References

Images


