

I See You

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an ethnographic
education &
research project



‘to listen with the woman’s ears, see through her eyes and take her thoughts to heart’

Project aims- for the 1st year midwifery student

- To explore the experiences and perspectives of the individual pregnant woman regarding the practice of maternity healthcare practitioners
- To experience active engagement and relational continuity
- To experience partnership
- To observe the interaction between the woman and the maternity healthcare practitioner
- To experience the individual continuum of the childbirth process through the eyes of the woman
- To support personal and professional development of critical thinking and reflective practice
- To be involved in research
- To enhance (in-depth) learning experiences and student satisfaction

“I don’t think I’ll get the opportunity again to be so close to a woman as in this project”

Assessment competency domains

- Communicator • Collaborator
- Professional • Medical expert

Students’ activities (80 hour study load)

- Recruit a pregnant woman (consent and behavioural code)
- Attendance of a minimum of 5 prenatal and one postnatal visit (birth is optional) – cycle:
‘interview - participant / observation - evaluation - reflection’
- Attendance of the woman’s multi-agency care participant / observation
- 4 lectures and SPPS workshop
- Logbook
portfolio of competencies & best-practices, learning & development
- Client Centred Care Questionnaire
- Arts & crafted gift

“I want to become that midwife: genuine, interested; I saw the positive and reassuring effect she had on Eva. It’s in my portfolio... evidence... I’ll never forget it”

“The project offered me the opportunity to ‘sit back and observe’ and for ‘being’, instead of ‘doing”

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