# Access to Higher Education Unit

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**Unit Title:** Medicalisation of Pregnancy

**Graded Unit Reference Number:** GA33HEA09

**Ungraded Unit Reference Number:** UA33HEA09

**Module:** Health Studies; Sociology

**Level:** Three (3)

**Credit Value:** Three (3)

**Minimum Guided Learning Hours:** 30

| Learning Outcome (The Learner will): | Assessment Criterion (The Learner can): |
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| 1. Understand the historical development of midwifery practice | 1.1 Discuss the main historical periods in the development of midwifery practice |
| | 1.2 Evaluate the changing role of the midwife over time |
| 2. Understand the development of the biomedical approach in midwifery practice | 2.1 Discuss the development of the NHS and its role in the medicalisation of pregnancy and childbirth |
| | 2.2 Analyse the main advantages of medicalised, institutional services for pregnancy and childbirth |
| 3. Understand concerns about issues surrounding the medicalisation of pregnancy and childbirth | 3.1 Evaluate the main criticisms put forward against medical intervention in pregnancy and childbirth |
| | 3.2 Discuss recent developments in midwifery practice |

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