

Scottish Emergency Maternity Care

Course Descriptor

Course Title	Scottish Emergency Maternity Care Course
Course Aim	The overall aim is to provide non-maternity specialist healthcare staff with the supplementary knowledge and skills necessary to help them deal appropriately with maternity care emergencies
Course Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will be able to: • Describe the roles, responsibilities and scope of practice of each of the professional groups in the available team. • Demonstrate an appropriate knowledge of related professional, legal and ethical issues. • Demonstrate an appropriate knowledge of the normal development of pregnancy. • Demonstrate an appropriate knowledge of the processes involved in labour and delivery. • Demonstrate an appropriate knowledge of risk management including risk assessment. • Demonstrate an awareness of the commonest emergencies related to maternity care and the initial management possible in a non maternity care setting. • Communicate refer and transfer appropriately.
Indicative content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiprofessional team approach • Risk assessment and management • Pregnancy, labour and childbirth • Maternity emergencies • Resuscitation and trauma • Immediate care of the newborn • Referral and transport • Communication
Teaching and Learning Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self directed learning of pre-course workbook with activities • Scenario-based teaching
Assessment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice questions (formative)
Nominal Study Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-course work 10–12 hours • 7-hour workshop

Minimum number of candidates	8
Maximum number of candidates	20
Minimum number of instructors to participants	1 instructor to 4 candidates (skill stations and workshops) To comply with the SMMDP quality measures there must be one external member included in the faculty each day
Number of Instructor Candidates (ICs) on a course	Not more than 50%
Indicate who is likely to benefit from the course	Non-maternity health professionals who may have to respond to a maternity care emergency. This includes A&E nurses, GP Practice staff, out of hours staff, Ambulance technicians particularly in remote locations but not exclusively.
Equipment / resources required for course	Contact the SMMDP for required equipment list
Course Instructors	Instructors must have completed a Scottish Generic Instructor Training Course or if they have previous appropriate education training experience and are on the SMMDP data base as an instructor. All instructors must comply with the SMMDP Code of Practice for Instructors