

Individual Presentation

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Midwifery

The career path I chose to be in is Midwifery, as a woman, I am grateful to have someone that ensures both baby and mother are safe before and after birth. This realisation I came to was when I had the experience of a midwife assisting throughout my pregnancy along with my daughter's birth. During my first months of college, I studied health social care and child care therefore I have some knowledge about this career path.



Required Skills

To be successful as a midwife, you need to have these specific skills; Communication to build your relationships with the people under your care. Counselling and listening as many mothers, especially new ones will depend on you for support and advice. Good observation, within seconds anything can happen to either baby or mother therefore you also require the skill of taking responsibility for their health.



Strengths & Weaknesses

- I have the ability to build a close, trusting relationship with pregnant women and their birth partner.
- One skill I would like to learn is teamwork skills, for example, to work alongside hospital Doctors (such as Obstetricians), GPs and Nurses.



Opportunity & Threat

- After finishing this higher education course I'll be able to apply for a social care course in order to be a successful midwife working in the birthing centre.
- An example of a threat can be having to save the baby or mother's life when giving birth to a new born.

