

**Praxis 2021 Plan for Integration of GCDE into your teaching, research, projects or practice.**

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My specific area of research is in pregnancy loss. My doctoral research focused on couples experiences of pregnancy following stillbirth and my research continues to explore all aspects of stillbirth and bereavement care.

I was elected to the Board of the International Stillbirth Alliance (ISA) in 2016 and as its Treasurer in 2017. The International Stillbirth Alliance (ISA) is the only organization that focuses on stillbirth and neonatal death at a global level and integrates bereaved family members, clinicians, researchers, and policy makers. ISA has 122 members from 26 countries in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. About 50% are health professionals, 40% are organizations, primarily parent support organizations with several research institutes and professional organizations, and the remainder are individual parents, students, and other supporters. ISA's work is driven by five principles: evidence based care, patient-centredness, connecting for life, equity, and global to local/local to global approach.

The overwhelming majority of stillbirth occurs in low and middle income countries and occurs to women of colour, yet the majority of learning we have about the experiences of stillbirth and bereavement care is from a Northern European, North American, or Australian/New Zealand and white, heterosexual perspective.

I aim to integrate research results across several undergraduate and postgraduate midwifery and public health nursing modules. My learning from the Praxis Project is in mapping midwifery and birth through lens of globalisation, particularly in the module NU2094. Women give birth across the globe and stillbirth remains an issue regardless of where in the world they live. Framing pregnancy loss within GCDE framework is valuable as it focuses student learning on initiatives working with support services on the ground especially in areas of greatest stillbirth burden e.g., India/Africa.

**Discipline:** Midwifery

**Department and School:** School of Nursing and Midwifery

**Pedagogy:** Critical inquiry using case studies

**Title of Teaching Module and Book of Modules Code:** NU2094

**Module Description:** Midwives and Professional Practice - Bereavement and Loss (5 Credits)

- Discuss the importance of self-awareness, personal and professional communication skills for midwives.
- Discuss the role of the midwife for patient safety.
- Discuss accountability, scope of midwifery practice, personal responsibility and accountability in relation to professional practice.
- Discuss the role of the midwife in relation to risk management, open disclosure, and debriefing following critical incidents within the maternity services.
- Describe the role of the midwife in supporting women and their families who experience bereavement in pregnancy and childbirth.

**Assessment details:** Continuous Assessment 100 marks (1 x 1,500 word essay).