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Abstract

Objective

To present a grounded theory research study explaining how New Zealand midwives maintain their ongoing competence to practise their profession.

Design

Grounded theory, an interpretive emergent research methodology was used to examine the process of maintaining competence in midwifery practice.

Setting

New Zealand urban and rural practice settings.

Participants

Twenty-six midwives from across New Zealand were interviewed and asked about maintaining their competence to practise. Five midwives were interviewed twice, to explore the emerging findings and as one method of member checking.

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