

Description

Meet the team! – Nicole

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Did you know the Editorial Board for The Student Midwife is made up of student and newly-qualified midwives? We commission, write and edit all the articles that fill our wonderful journal, so we know we're bringing content that is of the most interest and use to you. Let's dive in and meet one of the team!

This time we're talking to Nicole, she is a third-year student midwife at the University of Salford

What's your role at TSM and how long have you been involved?

I'm currently editor-in-chief, but I previously held the role of co-editor, and have been part of the TSM family since 2020.

What's your favourite part of being part of TSM?

It's a family! Being able to connect with, support and be supported by students and NQMs from all over the UK and beyond is something very unique and special. Those I've met at TSM are friends for life.

What made you choose midwifery?

I had never considered midwifery until the year I applied. Having experienced the incredible advocacy and support of the midwives and students caring for me during my own pregnancy, and helping me to achieve a truly amazing birth, I

wanted to be able to advocate for others in that same way.

What are your main values that drive you?

Individualised care, advocacy and normalising birth.

What's the most pressing issue facing the sector?

The lack of value placed on midwives by society as a whole, and the poor understanding of the role of the midwife.

How do you think the service could be improved?

Invest in midwives!

What's your preferred assessment style?

I love writing, so I'd have to say essays!

Is there a topic you'd like to learn about that isn't covered at university?

Biomechanics for birth – an absolutely essential topic I've been lucky enough to learn about outside of university. However, it should be core to any pre-registration curriculum.

What's your one tip for student midwives?

You will come across many kinds of midwives in your training. Learn from them all. Build your midwifery practice by taking good practice on, as well as noting how you would not do things.

What do you enjoy doing outside of university/midwifery?

I love spending time outside, walking and exploring with my family. I'm also very arty, and enjoy quilting, knitting and painting!

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