

Becoming a midwife

Identifying the challenges and issues of midwife students

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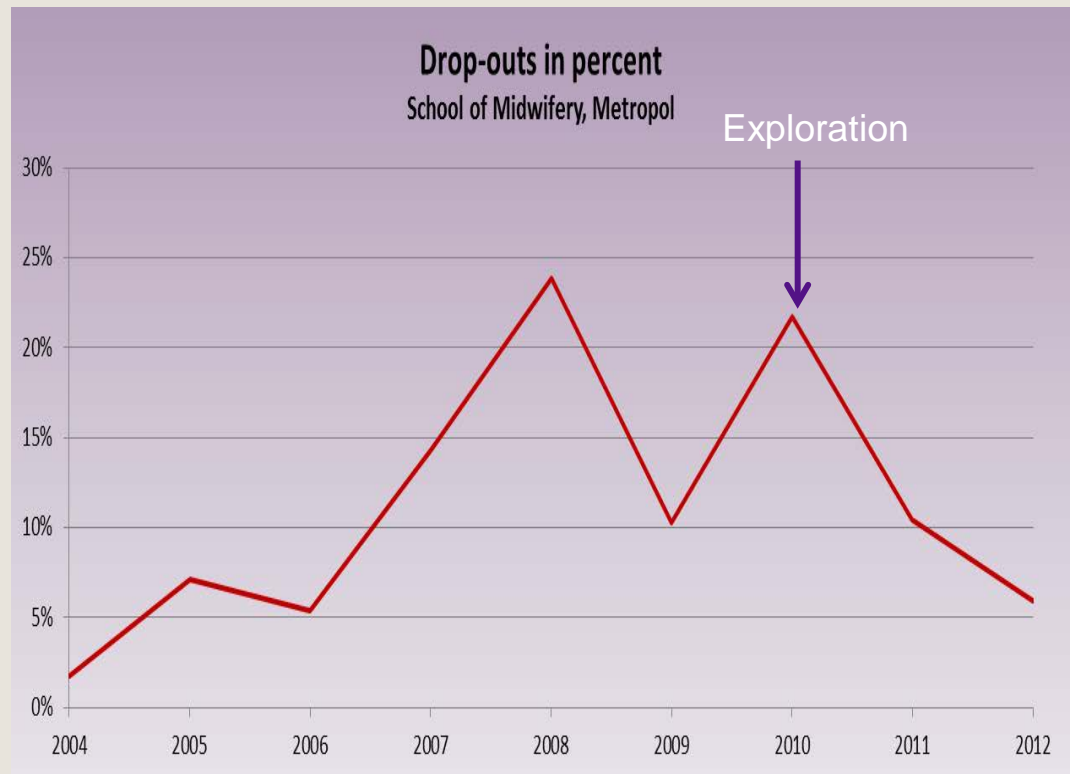
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Challenges – drop-outs

Drop-outs:

- Before 2006 low rate
- 2006- 2010 increasing rate
- 2010→ can still drop out
 - A possible decrease ?



Method & Numbers

Litterature search

Data-search

Focus group

Expert interview

Students counselor

Questionares

n=157 (73%) + n=21 (75%)

Student interviews

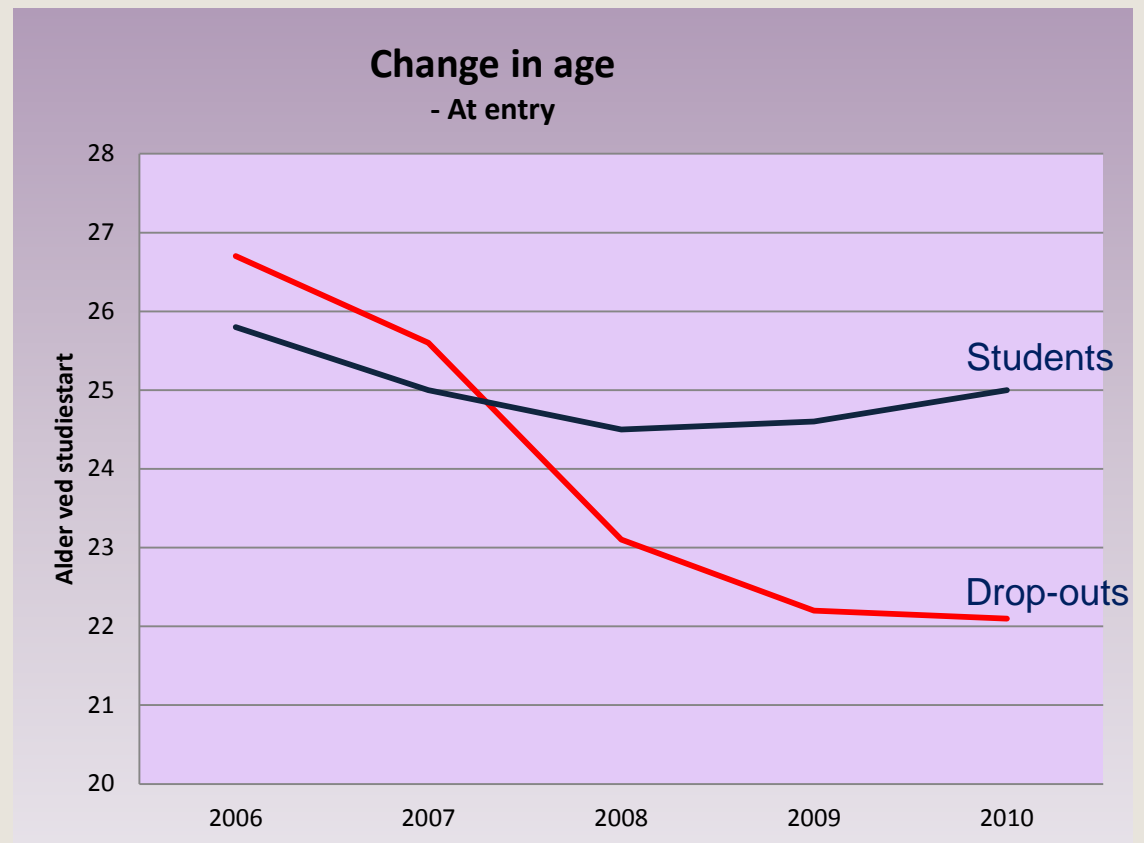
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Interviews with dropouts

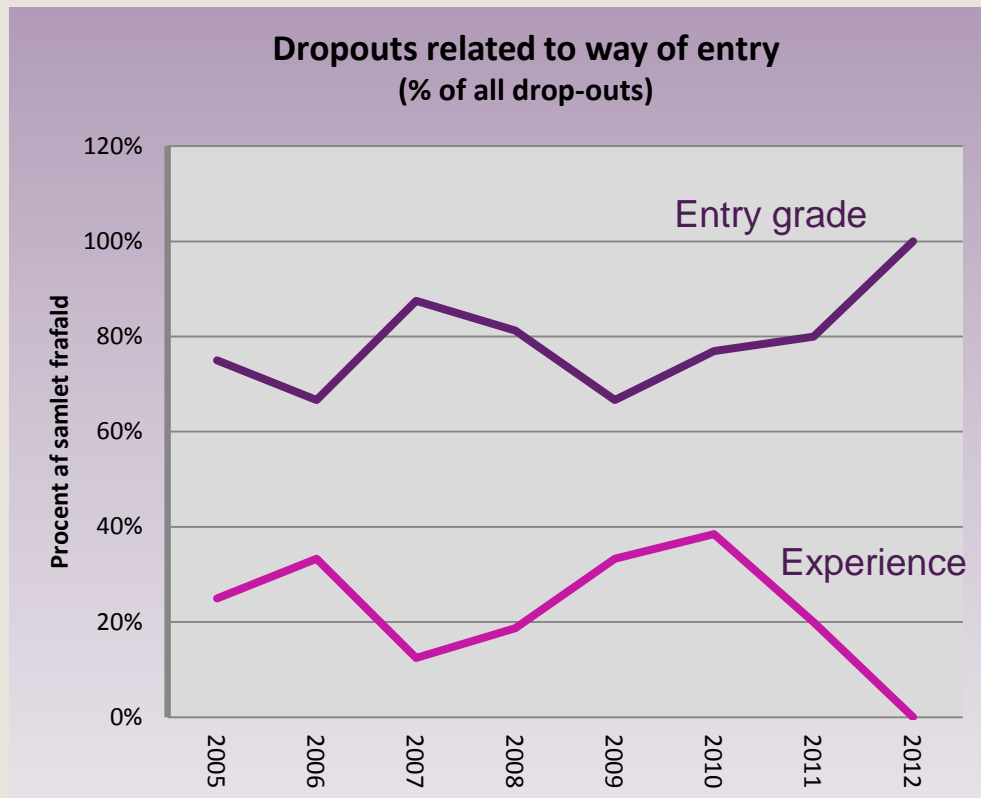
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Who stays in the midwifery program ?

- Often daughters of well-educated parents (75%)
- Often with other educational experiences (43%)
- Average 3 years older at entry



Who drops out of the midwifery program



- They are mainly young
- 80% drop-outs entry by grade
- Lack of related experience
- They drop out mainly within the first year

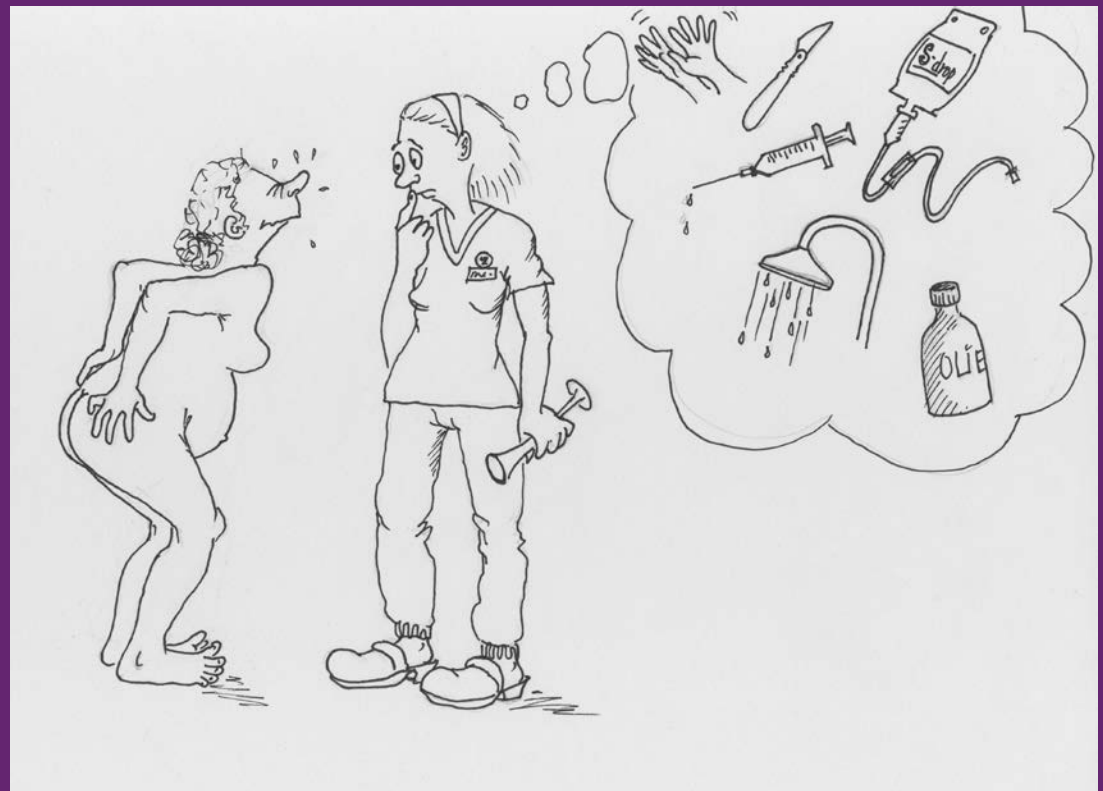
Dropping out – Reasons

- Feeling too young to be responsible
- Social explanations e.g. single mother
- Wrong choice of study program
 - "Too much about pregnant women"
 - Practice shock
- Working environment
 - Stress
 - Low wages
 - Unemployment
 - Irregular working hours



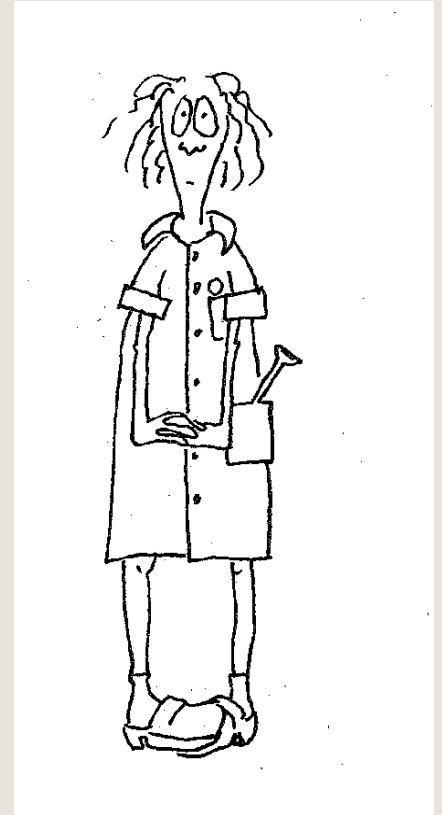
Challenges and issues of being a student

- Identity
- Socialization
- Prestige
- Supervising midwife
- Future opportunities

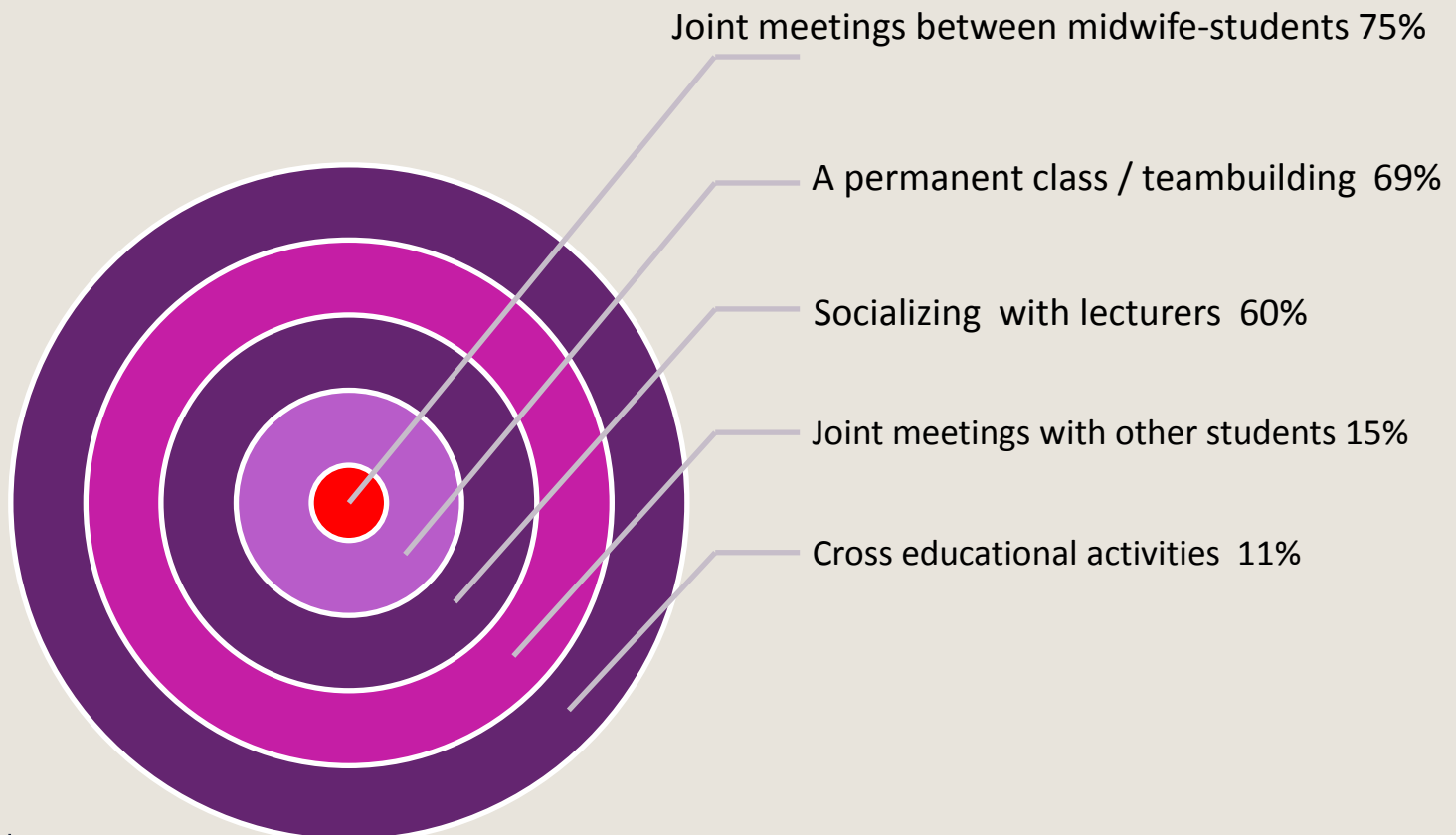


Identity:

- Students quickly acquire a *"Midwifery identity"*
- Being a midwife student is incorporated in personal identity
- Socialization happens both in the community of practice and in the theoretical period

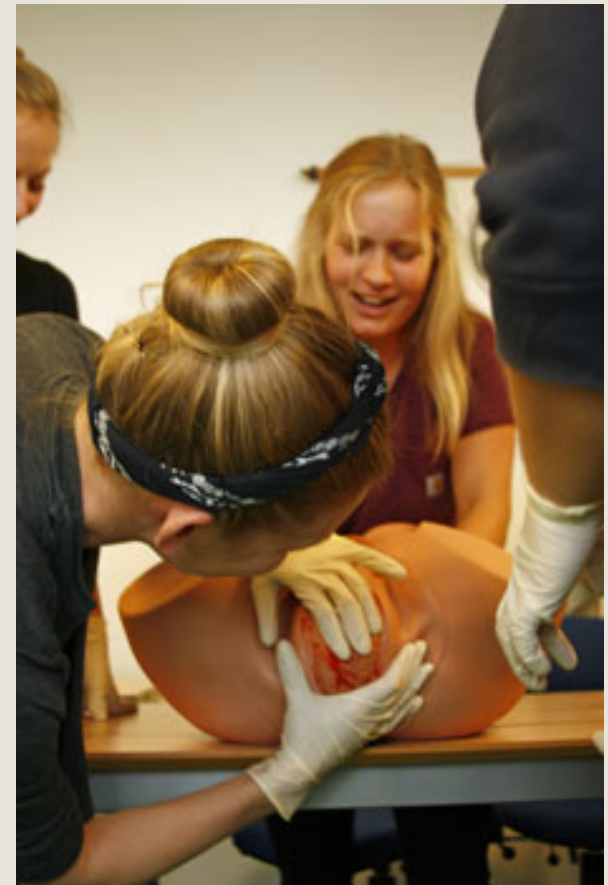


Retaining activities



Socialization – common language

- *” I think it´s a privileige to go into the practice period so fast because in our class we have aquired a common professional terminology. We were so different when we started, the first half a year you were, what you came from, but now we have far more in common, you have been socialized into this frame”*



Prestige – double edged sword

” It´s always an advantage when you say, that you are a midwifery student, you can get a job anywhere in the care sector... its an entrance ticket to many student jobs”

”I don´t think I knew what it was all about,

but I chose midwifery because of the

prestige relating to being accepted into

the programme”



Clear opportunities of making career

Do you intent to have further education	Yes or maybe	No
19-22 år	94%	6 %
23-26 år	86%	14 %
27-30 år	68%	32 %
31 – år	74%	26 %

Supervising Midwife

- *" I would say, that it is almost crucial , if she´s a person you connect with"*
- *"But I was knocked over from the beginning. I looked forward to get into the labor ward, but I started with some really poor shifts. It has taken me the rest of my practice period to get back on track and feel the joy of being here....she, the supervising midwife was I couldn´t do anything right "*



Based on :

Fastholdelse på jordemoderuddannelsen 2004-2010

https://www.ucviden.dk/portal-metropol/files/11170995/Fastholdelse_endelig_rapport.pdf

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