## BIDAN DAN KEMAMPUAN SOFTSKILLS

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Abstract. Midwives, as one of the human health resources, provide health care for women, babies, under five children and families. In order to be able to provide their health services well, midwives must possess the necessary hard skills, namely the clinical competences, as well as the soft skills, the non-clinical competences. The soft skills comprise the interpersonal skills, namely the ability to communicate with others, and the intrapersonal skills, that are the abilities to manage own selves properly. The soft skills include ability to communicate in writing and orally, think logically and analytically, work individually and in a team, be flexible, be skillful, have patience, and always update with the progress of relevant sciences and technologies. The soft skills can be obtained in the campus, in the office, and through trainings, seminars and during interaction with others. The lecturers, students' supervisors and parents should contribute as role models respectively for achievement of the expected students' competences. In conclusion, by mastering their relevant competences, midwives would continue to exist and win the strict competition of this era of globalization.

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