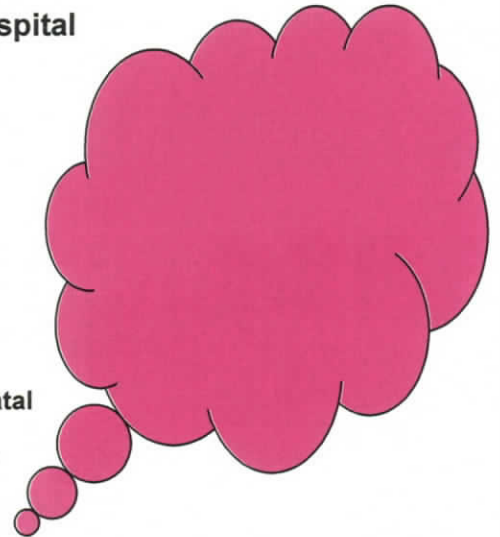


Mid-Western Regional Maternity Hospital Community Midwifery Learning Opportunities

Whilst on placement in community midwifery students will be given the opportunity to do the following:



- Participate in the preparation of mother and baby from hospital to home
- Undertake a holistic postnatal examination of mother and newborn baby to include assessment, planning and implementation of postnatal care in a woman's home
- Communicate effectively and appropriately with the woman, partner and multidisciplinary team
- Facilitate the transition to parenthood for mother and family
- Recognise deviations from normal, emergency situations, high risk situations and provide appropriate care
- Attend developmental and child welfare clinics
- Attend parenthood education sessions
- Attend a midwives ante natal clinic in the community
- Participate in neonatal screening procedures

Let's not forget the domains of competence
They represent the functions of a registered midwife

- Attend a 'walk in feeding clinic'
- Provide support for breastfeeding and bottle feeding mothers and advise on infant feeding patterns
- Attend multidisciplinary and perinatal mortality meetings
- Observe the organisation of workload/ prioritising of care
- Discuss verbal feedback given by women during home visits

1. Professional /Ethical practice
2. Holistic Midwifery Practice
3. Interpersonal relationships
4. Organisational and co-ordination of midwifery care
5. Personal and professional development

- Review the feedback folder of women's experiences whilst attending the Regional Maternity Hospital.

Year 1 BSc Midwifery Observer Participant.	Year 2 BSc Midwifery/ level 1 Higher Diploma Midwifery Novice Participant	Year 3 BSc Midwifery/ level 2 Higher Diploma Midwifery Supervised practitioner	Year 4 BSc Midwifery/ level 3 Higher Diploma Midwifery Competent practitioner
Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he is a novice to midwifery • Will require exposure to all aspects of midwifery care • Will be expected to participate in all aspects of care • Will be able to discuss basic concepts of care • Will need continuous prompting and considerable direction 	Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he will have had some exposure and participation in the provision of care • She/he will still need assistance and direct supervision • She/he may require frequent prompting • She/he should begin to identify his/her learning needs 	Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he can identify the needs of women and their families • Can begin to adopt a problem solving approach to care • Actively participate in the care of women and babies • Provide rationale for his/her actions Please understand it might be difficult for the midwifery student to prioritise care, but should demonstrate the awareness of the need for best practice and can identify their own learning needs	Please assess midwifery students recognising that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She/he can apply a systematic approach to care • Can demonstrate evidence based practice and critical thinking • Is capable of supporting and monitoring women, families and junior colleagues • She/he possesses many attributes including- practical and technical skills, communication and interpersonal skills organizational and managerial skills • Has the ability to perform as part of the health care team • Demonstrates a professional attitude, accepting responsibility for their own practice.

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