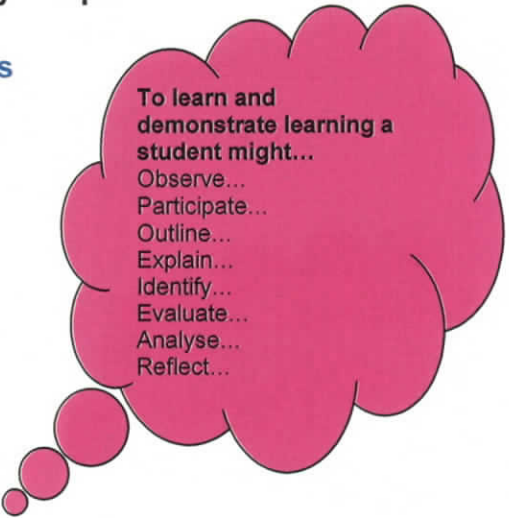


Mid-Western Regional Maternity Hospital
Obstetric Theatre
Learning Opportunities

Whilst on placement in the Obstetric Theatre midwifery students will be given the opportunity to do the following at the appropriate level of learning:



To learn and demonstrate learning a student might...

- Observe...
- Participate...
- Outline...
- Explain...
- Identify...
- Evaluate...
- Analyse...
- Reflect...

- Receive and admit a woman to theatre
- Become familiar with the theatre environment, equipment, theatre policies, procedures, multidisciplinary clinical guidelines
- Communicate effectively and appropriately with the woman, her partner and the multidisciplinary team
- Apply the principles of standard precautions, and aseptic technique
- Become familiar with the midwife's/nurse's roles in obstetric theatre; i.e. anaesthetics, scrubbing, circulating and recovery of the woman
- Observe and participate in the care of a woman undergoing a caesarean section or other surgical procedure.
- Assess fetal wellbeing; perform abdominal palpation and auscultation of fetal heart
- Participate in the assessment, monitoring and administration of medication and appreciate the role of the midwife in medication management within the Scope of Practice

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

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

- Gain knowledge of the different types of anaesthesia and analgesia used in obstetric theatre; methods of administration and side effects e.g. general, regional, muscle relaxants and narcotics.
- Observe and participate in the correct and safe positioning of a woman whilst in theatre and

recovery, using appropriate manual handling aids

- Perform the initial assessment and examination of the newborn baby
- Explain the significance of observations and midwifery care provided to women in recovery
- Learn about the correct labeling and transportation of specimens
- Document the care provided under supervision- ensuring all documentation is countersigned by a nurse/ midwife

The obstetric theatre is a specialist placement providing unique learning opportunities. Students will need assistance and direct supervision to maximise these learning opportunities.

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