

General Medical Learning Opportunities

BSc Midwifery Programme

The aim of the medical placement is to provide the student midwife with an opportunity to gain knowledge in caring for patients with medical conditions. The student midwife will work under the supervision of a registered nurse.

Demonstrate an awareness of the physical, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual needs of patients with medical conditions.

Expand knowledge of medical conditions including signs, symptoms and treatment.

Identify and demonstrate the principles of effective communication.

Participate in the admission and assessment of a patient to a medical ward.

Participate in planning the discharge of a medical patient.

Participate in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of a holistic plan of care for patients with medical conditions. This will include:

- assist with the personal hygiene needs of patients
- the principles of aseptic technique and standard precautions
- the use of assessment tools such as Glasgow Coma Scale, early warning score for vital signs, Waterlow scale, wound management chart, fluid balance charts, food management charts.

Identify some of the commonly used drugs for medical patients including drug dosage, route of administration and side effects.

Consider the nurse's role in multidisciplinary team working including referral to clinical nurse specialists and other health care professionals when planning care with patients in the medical setting.

Identify diagnostic or screening tests commonly used in the medical setting.