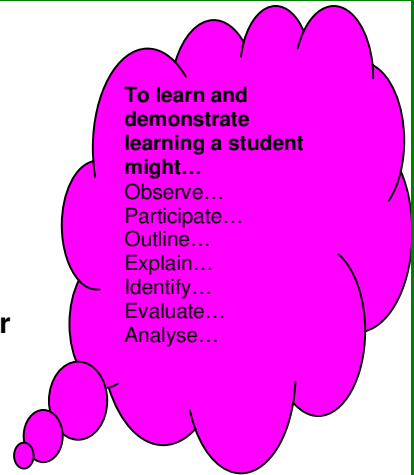


## St Luke's General Hospital Postnatal Ward Learning Opportunities

*Whilst on placement on the postnatal ward midwifery students will be given the opportunity to do the following at the appropriate level of learning:*



- Participate in the admission and discharge processes of women and their babies to the postnatal ward
  - Undertake a holistic postnatal examination of mother and baby including use of IMEWS tool
  - Work in partnership with women providing information and facilitate informed decision making
  - Communicate with women and families and the multidisciplinary team
  - Assess, plan and implement postnatal care of mother and baby
  - Support mothers with infant feeding
  - Participate in the assessment, monitoring and administration of medication
  - Appreciate the role of the midwife in medication management within the scope of practice
  - Practice clinical decision making skills in relation to care provided to women
- 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
- Participate in neonatal screening procedures
  - Support mothers and families with babies are in the special care baby unit
  - Liaise with the multidisciplinary team
  - Care for women experiencing bereavement and loss
  - Teach mothers and partners parent craft skills
  - Attend multidisciplinary team meetings
  - Document the care provided under supervision
  - Participate in the ward management including giving report, managing workload and time management, and prioritising of care
  - Take part in skills and drills sessions

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