

## 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:**

- 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.
- Become familiar with the midwife's/nurse's roles in obstetric theatre; i.e. anaesthetics, scrubbing, circulating and recovery of the woman, care of the newborn baby. Apply the principles of standard precautions and sterile technique
- Assess fetal wellbeing; perform abdominal palpation and auscultation of fetal heart.
- Observe and participate in the care of a woman undergoing a caesarean section or other surgical procedure.
- Participate in the assessment, monitoring and administration of medication and appreciate the role of the midwife in medication management within the Scope of Practice. Gain knowledge of the different types of anaesthesia and analgesia used in obstetric theatre; methods of administration and side effects.
- Observe and participate in the WHO safe site surgery checklist.
- Perform the initial assessment and examination of the newborn baby.
- Explain the significance of observations and midwifery care provided to women in recovery.
- Support and advise infant feeding.
- Learn about the correct labelling and transportation of specimens.
- Document all care provided ensuring all documentation is countersigned by their supervising nurse/ midwife.

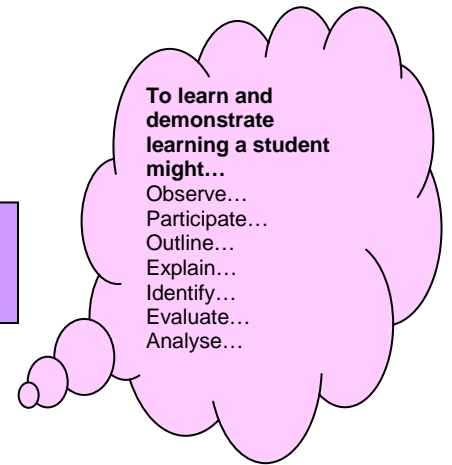


Figure 1: The Five Principles of the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives 2014



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

### Requirement and Standards for the Midwifery Education programme (ABA 2005) (Domains of Midwifery Practice)

1. Professional/Ethical Practice
2. Holistic Midwifery Care
3. Interpersonal Relationships
4. Organisation and Co-ordination of Midwifery Care
5. Personal and Professional Development