

General Theatre Learning Opportunities BSc Midwifery Programme

The aim of the placement is to orientate the student midwife to care for patients in the General Theatre setting under the supervision of a registered nurse.

Develop an awareness of the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and cultural needs of patients requiring surgery or surgical procedures.

Identify and apply the principles of effective communication.

Discuss and apply the principles of standard precautions, aseptic technique including surgical hand scrubbing, gowning and gloving.

Identify the nurse's roles in theatre including anaesthetics, scrubbing, circulating and recovery.

Participate in the admission and identification procedures for a patient admitted to theatre.

Identify the different types of anaesthesia and anaesthetic drugs used in theatre, including drug dosages, route of administration and side effects (induction agents, muscle relaxants, reversal drugs, anaesthetic gases and analgesia).

Observe and participate in the correct positioning of patients in theatre.

Participate in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based care of a person in theatre including maintenance of body temperature.

Explain the significance of observations and nursing care provided to patients in recovery including pain management, treatment of haemorrhage and shock.

Demonstrate an understanding of the roles of the multidisciplinary team.