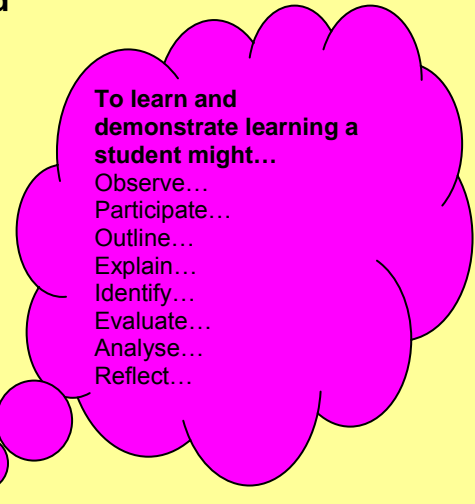


**Antenatal Ward  
Learning Opportunities**

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

- Admit and discharge women to the ward
  - Undertake an holistic assessment of women; Monitoring a woman's vital signs to include temperature, pulse, manual BP measurement, urinalysis, as per IMEWS National Policy
  - Communicate effectively and appropriately with the woman, partner, family and multidisciplinary team
  - Work in partnership with women, to provide information and facilitate informed decision making
  - Assess fetal wellbeing: auscultation of the fetal heart with the pinard stethoscope, abdominal assessment, CTG application, observation and interpretation
  - Participate in the assessment, monitoring and administration of medication
  - 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
- Observe the checking and administration of IV medication/ fluids/ blood and blood products
  - Care for women undergoing induction of labour e.g. post prostin care
  - Participate in providing care to women with high risk pregnancies
  - Provide support for women in the early stage of labour
  - Refer to multidisciplinary team and participate in ward rounds
  - Observe antenatal ultrasound scans
  - Provide care for women and families experiencing bereavement and loss
  - Document care provided under supervision using appropriate tools such as ISBAR
  - Participate in the management of the ward including ward rounds, report processes and prioritising of care
  - Attend multidisciplinary ward meetings
  - Attend skills and drills/ education 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>