

## Maternity Emergency Unit Learning Opportunities

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

**To learn and demonstrate learning a student might...**

Observe...  
Participate...  
Outline...  
Explain...  
Identify...  
Evaluate...  
Analyse...

- Undertake holistic antenatal assessments and examinations of women including observations; temperature, pulse, respirations, blood pressure (manual/ electronic), pain score for women presenting to the unit and plan their individual care
- Assess and plan care for women being admitted to the hospital
- Communicate effectively and appropriately with the woman, partner, family and multidisciplinary team
- Work in partnership with women providing information and facilitate informed decision making
- Participate in the midwifery assessment and planning of care with women who have low risk pregnancy in early labour
- Participate in the provision of telephone support for women with low risk pregnancy in early labour
- Assess, plan, implement and evaluate the evidenced based care provided to women (including reviewing a woman's history and chart)
- Monitor fetal wellbeing: auscultate the fetal heart using a pinard/ sonicaid, apply a CTG and interpret CTG findings
- Participate in the assessment and admission of women with high risk pregnancy /pregnancy complications?
- Participate in health education, health promotion and discharge advice to the woman and partner
- Participate in the referral to other health care professionals when planning care with the woman
- Retrieve laboratory results, review results with midwife/doctor and take appropriate action

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 the midwifery assessment and care planning of a woman presenting in labour
- Participate in IV Cannulation
- Attend appropriate multidisciplinary meetings,
- Recognise emergency and high risk situations and respond appropriately
- Document care provided under supervision

- Participate in the assessment and care for women experiencing bereavement and loss
- Read and sign relevant policies, procedures and multidisciplinary clinical guidelines
- Participate in the audit of midwifery documentation and in other audits being undertaken.

Year 1 BSc Midwifery Observer Participant.	Year 2 BSc Midwifery/ level 1 Higher Diploma Midwifery Novice Participant	Year 3 BSc Midwifery/ level 2 Higher Diploma Midwifery Supervised practitioner	Year 4 BSc Midwifery/ level 3 Higher Diploma 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>

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