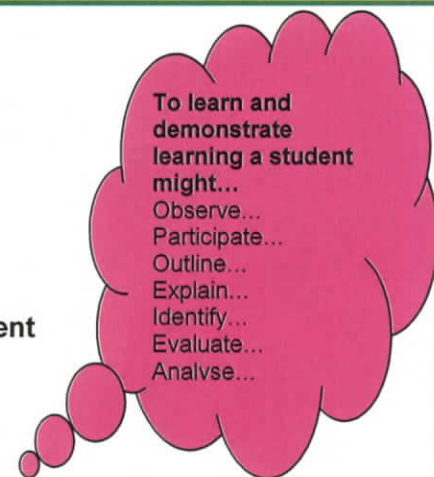


Waterford Regional Hospital Postnatal Ward Learning Opportunities

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

- Admit a mother and baby from labour ward- including full assessment and vital signs
- Undertake a holistic postnatal examination of mother and baby
- Assess, plan and implement the postnatal care of mother and baby
- Communicate with women, their partners and the multidisciplinary team
- Participate in the assessment, monitoring and administration of medication and appreciate the role of the midwife in medication management within the scope of practice
- Identify women who may need extra support and plan care accordingly
- Support mothers with babies in the neonatal unit
- Care for women and families experiencing bereavement and loss
- Facilitate the transition to parenthood providing parent craft education and support of the family



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

- Document care given under supervision
- Participate in neonatal screening processes
- Refer to outside agencies and community services e.g. PHN liaison
- Provide infant feeding support and education

- Participate in the management of the ward activities including giving report at handover, managing workload, time management, and the prioritising of care
- Attend multidisciplinary ward meetings

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

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