

Orientation Placement for all areas

These learning outcomes can be applied to specific areas for subsequent ¹placements

Aim

The aim of this placement is to orient midwifery students to the maternity services and enable them to observe and participate in the care of women and babies as appropriate.

As students spend a short time on their orientation placement they are only expected to reach **Exposure** level in some clinical skills relevant to the practice area.

All care provided is under the direct supervision of a registered midwife

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the orientation placement the midwifery student will:

- Be aware of the importance of presenting her/himself in a professional manner in relation to uniform, behaviour and appearance
 - Have a responsible attitude to attendance and punctuality
 - Understand the importance of maintaining confidentiality at all times
 - Adhere to the infection control policies for the health services
 - Understand the Orientation Booklet (in Education Folder) and become aware of the range of activities in the area, including midwifery practice, midwifery terms, range of services and midwifery care provided for women and their babies
 - Begin to understand the midwives' role in the multidisciplinary maternity care team
 - Begin to recognise the physical, emotional, social and cultural needs of the woman and her baby (if relevant) receiving maternity care in the area
 - Be able to contribute to the work of the midwifery team, assisting in the activity of the unit under the direction/guidance of a registered midwife
 - Understand the importance of sensitive and accurate communication in maternity care settings. This includes communication with women, their partners/visitors and communication with midwives and the multidisciplinary team
 - Be aware of the documentation required in the area and understand the importance of clear and accurate reports both verbal and written. **Any**
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documentation undertaken by a student must be co-signed by a registered midwife

- Be familiar with the environment of the unit, especially the emergency bleep system, emergency exits, resuscitation trolley, oxygen, fire policy & procedure, baby security
- Be aware of the hospital policies related to the practice area