

## **Fetal Assessment Unit/Early Pregnancy Services/Ultrasound**

Students should use this placement to maximise their understanding of the needs of women accessing specific pregnancy day services. For some students this may be considered a community placement.

### **Aim**

To orientate midwifery students to the Fetal Assessment Unit, Ultrasound and Early Pregnancy Services to enable them to participate in the care of women accessing these services.

Students are expected to reach **Performance Criteria** level in relevant **Critical Elements/Indicators** in order to achieve aspects or completion of their **Midwifery Competencies**. BSc students should achieve clinical skills relevant to the area. All students should gain experience of **Antenatal Assessments, including abdominal palpation** for the **Clinical Practice Experience** book (EU/ABA requirements)

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

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the placement the midwifery student will:

- Participate in the investigation and management of pregnant women accessing day services. This may include pregnancy complications such as:
  - Hyperemesis gravidarum
  - Reduced fetal movements
  - PET
  - IUGR
- Understand the results of routine and specialised investigations for pregnant women including:
  - EFM/CTG
  - Ultrasound scan
  - Doppler studies
  - Blood tests

**Facilitation of opportunities to observe and participate in the care of the woman experiencing:**

- Hyperemesis gravidarum
- Early pregnancy loss
- Pre-Eclampsia (Toxaemia) (P.E.T)
- Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR)
- Urinary tract infection (U.T.I.)
- Multiple pregnancy
- Preterm labour
- Premature rupture of membranes (P.R.O.M)

- Cholelithiasis
- Fetal abnormalities

This list is not exhaustive and will reflect unit activity during the placement.

**Prior to the placement the midwifery student must have knowledge and understanding of:**

Assessment of woman in pregnancy

Early pregnancy conditions: pain and bleeding early pregnancy, ectopic pregnancy

Pregnancy loss

Hyperemesis Gravidarum

Pregnancy complications

Fetal assessment techniques

Fetal anomalies/malformations

Pre Eclamptic Toxaemia (PET)

Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR)