**Title:** Midwifery Practicum III  
**Abbreviation and Number:** MIDW308  
**School:** Nursing and Allied Health Professions  
**Department:** Allied Health  
**Credits:** 3  
**Course Sequence:** ( ) Fall ( ) Spring ( ) Fall and Spring

**Hours Per Week:**  
- ( ) Lecture  
- ( ) Seminar  
- ( ) Laboratory  
- ( ) Studio  
- ( ) Kitchen  
- ( 9 ) Other (Practicum)

**Pre-requisite(s):** MIDW304, MIDW305, MIDW306, MIDW307, NURS317 or Permission of Chair/Instructioner  
**Co-requisite(s):** None

**DESCRIPTION**  
Students focus on the management of postpartum clients with minor and major complications. Emphasis is on subsequent care of the mother and her infant in the home.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**  
Upon completion of this practicum the student should be able to  
1. Manage women during the postpartum period;  
2. Manage women with complications during the post-partum period;  
3. Manage the normal newborn;  
4. Manage mothers and infants in primary health care settings;  
5. Collaborate with physicians in the management of women during labour and delivery;  
6. Identify postpartum clients with specific needs and make appropriate referrals; and  
7. Conduct educational sessions on postpartum care.

**COURSE CONTENT**  
I. Management during Normal Postpartum Period  
   A. Preparation of the environment for admission  
   B. Admission  
   C. Physical assessment  
   D. Breast care and lactation  
   E. Pre- and post-operative care of the surgical patient  
   F. Educational sessions on postpartum care

II. Complications in the Postpartum Period  
   A. Hemorrhage  
   B. Urinary tract infection  
   C. Breast infection  
   D. Respiratory conditions  
   E. Vulval hematoma  
   F. Thrombolytic diseases  
   G. Depression  
   H. Postpartum psychosis  
   I. Anemia  
   J. Hypertensive disorders  
   K. Eclampsia  
   L. Other
III. Management of the Normal Neonate
   A. Admission
   B. Physical assessment
   C. Minor conditions
   D. Routine medications
   E. Isolette
   F. Phototherapy
   G. Universal precautions
   H. Collection of Laboratory Specimens
      i. Serum bilirubin
      ii. Haemoglobin
      iii. Blood grouping
      iv. Rhesus factor
      v. Throat
      vi. Rectal swab

IV. The Newborn with Special Needs
   A. Infants of diabetic mothers
   B. Preterm infants
   C. Infants of Human Immunodeficiency Virus positive mothers

V. The Client in Primary Health Care Settings
   A. Home and environmental assessment
   B. Physical assessment of the mother and newborn
   C. Minor disorders
   D. Referrals

VI. Clients with Specific Needs
   A. Teenagers
   B. Mothers post-surgery
   C. Grand multiparas
   D. Immigrants
   E. Social Issues

VII. Management of Women During Labour and Delivery

ASSESSMENT
Case Study .......................... 30%
Clinical Assessment ................. 40%
Laboratory Books .................... 30%
Total .................................... 100%
### Course Outline

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### REQUIRED TEXTS


### SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS/MATERIALS


### JOURNALS

- British Journal of Midwifery
- International Midwifery
- Journal of Midwifery and Woman’s Health
- Journal of Obstetrics, Gynaecologic, and Neonatal Nursing
- RCM Midwives

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