

CSAT: Assessing and Supporting Breastfeeding

Bachelor of Midwifery

Suggested Time Allocated to Assessment: As required to meet woman's needs. Students are to be assessed on the 'hands-off' Approach to breastfeeding (Also called the Mammalian approach by expert lactation consultants).

Section 1: Student Details - (Student to complete Section 1 & 5)

Surname		First name	
Student number	Year of study		Date
Course code and title			Time
Facility name		Name (Assessor)	
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Section 2. Performance Criteria – (Educator/mentor to complete Section)n z, 3 an	u 4)		
Related Competency	Yes	No	N/A	
Maintain privacy and confidentiality throughout				
Demonstrates accurate clinical reasoning and prudent judgment throughout				
Adheres to standard precautions throughout				
Body language, eye contact, voice and expression indicate non-judgmental positive regard for the woman and baby				
Uses language that is readily understood and communicates effectively to maximize information sharing and facilitates understanding and decision-making by the woman				
Inquires about the woman's experience with breastfeeding and responds sensitively and appropriately				
Educates and/or supports and encourages the woman and baby in the principles of mammalian breastfeeding (as needed)				
• warm, comfortable, well supported positions for woman and baby				
 relaxed, unhurried atmosphere, plenty of time for cooing and cuddling 				
• skin to skin (or lightly dressed; not wrapped)				
• baby's body is naturally supported by the woman's posture when breastfeeding				
the breast and baby's head and neck are not contorted				
 recognizes and waits for feeding cues before offering the breast (crying is a late sign of hunger) 				
 give the baby time to find the breast and self attach with minimal breast offering by the woman 				
 encourage unrestricted access to the breast for feeding and comfort 				
 cluster feeding is normal and should cause no concern as long as the baby is sometimes quiet and peaceful 				

Related Competency	Yes	No	N/A
Assesses the effectiveness of feeding by using observation and communication skills including recognising deviations from normal and sensitive problem solving, if needed			
Assesses and reports on the effectiveness of the baby's latch			
Assesses, interprets and correctly comments on the episode of breastfeeding including awareness of let-down, fore milk and hind milk from the perspective of the woman and the baby			
After baby self-detaches, encourages the woman to allow time for rest and digestion and then stimulates the baby to wake up and feed on the remaining breast			
Invites woman to ask questions and respond appropriately			
Works with the woman to fine tune the breastfeeding experience including (as relevant) preventing, recognising and responding to common early challenges:			
sore or cracked nipples			
engorgement and/or mastitis			
concern about adequacy of milk supply			
• unsettled baby			
• sleepy baby			
• possible tongue tie			
Effectively consults and/or refers care of the woman/baby if appropriate			
Cleans and disposes of gloves (if needed) and washes hands			
Engages in health education related to normal newborn needs, behaviour and care (as appropriate)			
Reports and/or documents the interaction appropriately			

Section 3: Overall Performance Rating

Satisfactory: A student is marked as satisfactory if they met all of the criterion that are appropriate in the particular circumstances.

Needs Development or Unsatisfactory: Educators/Mentors are required to complete and attach a 'Midwifery Practice Development Report' (student has copies in their Professional Experience Portfolio) which explains the reason/s for Needs Development (N/D) or Unsatisfactory (U) tick. If Needs Development is the result, the CSAT and a Needs Development Report are to be given to the student facilitator to forward to the Midwifery PEL at SCU. The student will attempt the CSAT again at a later date.

Satisfactory (S) Needs Development (N/D) Unsatisfactory (U)

Student has attained required level of Stu proficiency and is considered competent

Student needs to practice/develop skills to obtain ACHIEVEMENT

There is a satisfactory reason for this element to be omitted in this instance

Section 4: Assessor Comments	
Assessor's Name	Assessor's Signature and Date
Section 5: Student Comments	
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Student Signature	Date

Instructions for completing: The assessor and student complete the practice assessment tool together.

ePortfolio: Please scan and save your completed practice assessment in the relevant section of your ePortfolio and evidence towards MPR and ANMAC experiences.

Paper Portfolio: Please scan and submit your completed practice assessment as evidence of achievement of clinical requirements for the Midwifery Practice Review.