

| Standard of Competence | Mātauranga Worldviews² <i>“The kahu pōkai midwife applies comprehensive theoretical and scientific knowledge with the affective and technical skills needed to provide effective and safe midwifery care, taking guidance from whānau to integrate their needs and aspirations</i> | |
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| Explanation | THE COMPETENT KAHU MIDWIFE INTEGRATES KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING, PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL SKILLS WITHIN A LEGAL AND ETHICAL FRAMEWORK AND IN CONSIDERATION OF WHĀNAU WORLDVIEWS TO INFORM MIDWIFERY PRACTICE THAT IMPROVES OUTCOMES AND SATISFACTION FOR WOMEN/PERSONS, BABIES AND WHĀNAU. THE KAHU PŌKAI MIDWIFE UTILISES MIDWIFERY SKILLS THAT FACILITATE THE PHYSIOLOGICAL PROCESSES OF CHILDBIRTH AND BALANCES THESE WITH THE JUDICIOUS USE OF INTERVENTION WHEN APPROPRIATE | |
| Performance Indicators | M1 Actively seeks the expertise of whānau and integrates this with midwifery skills and knowledge, to honour whānau worldviews and facilitate the woman/person’s ability to achieve their natural potential throughout their childbirth experience | <i>Rangatiratanga</i> |
| | M2 Confirms pregnancy, if necessary, orders and interprets relevant investigative and diagnostic tests, carries out necessary screening procedures, and systematically collects comprehensive information concerning the woman/person’s health and wellbeing | <i>Manaaki</i> |
| | M3 Conducts and documents comprehensive and timely assessments for the purpose of monitoring the health and wellbeing of women/persons, baby and whānau in the provision of pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, birthing and postnatal care | <i>Manaaki</i> |
| | M4 Assesses the health and wellbeing of women/persons and whānau and their baby throughout pregnancy, labour and birth, recognising any condition which necessitates consultation with, or referral to, another kahu pōkai midwife, medical practitioner or other health professional | <i>Whakawhanaungatangi</i> |
| | M5 Recognises complexity, responds and refers to appropriate colleagues, to enable timely care planning, interventions, escalation and provision of emergency care, when required | <i>Manaaki</i> |
| | M6 Is responsive to the healing needs of women/persons and whānau who experience traumatic events or loss | <i>Tiaki</i> |
| | M7 Engages in review and restorative processes Hohou te rongo when there has been an adverse outcome for whānau | <i>Tiaki</i> |
| | M8 Assesses the health and wellbeing of the newborn and takes all initiatives, including resuscitation, which may be necessary to stabilise the baby | <i>Rangatiratanga</i> |
| | M9 Proactively protects, promotes and supports breastfeeding and whāngai u, reflecting the WHO ‘Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding’ | <i>Manaaki</i> |
| | M10 Assesses the health and wellbeing of the woman/person and whānau and baby throughout the postnatal period and identifies factors which indicate the necessity for consultation with, or referral to, another kahu pōkai midwife, medical practitioner, or other health practitioner | <i>Whakawhanaungatanga</i> |
| | M11 Demonstrates the ability to prescribe, supply, and administer therapeutic products according to legal and regulatory parameters with informed consent, safely and appropriately within the kahu pōkai midwife’s scope of practice and relevant legislation | <i>Rangatiratanga</i> |
| | M12 Performs a comprehensive end-point assessment of the woman/person and whānau and baby at the conclusion of midwifery care including sexual health, immunisation advice, safety advice and ongoing breastfeeding support services | <i>Whakawhanaungatanga</i> |
| | M13 At the end of midwifery care, refers whānau to well woman services, well child services including General Practitioner for ongoing care | <i>Whakawhanaungatanga</i> |
| | | M14 Provides accurate and timely written progress notes and relevant documented evidence of all informed decisions made and midwifery care offered and provided incorporating their needs and aspirations |
| | ² Mātauranga is a term that refers to traditional tangata whenua knowledge, underpinned by unique philosophies. Worldviews are the systems of knowledge and their associated philosophies derived from all other societies extant in Aotearoa including those of midwifery | |