

Care Across the Life Cycle
Obstetrics and Gynecology Requirements
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- 1) Please see UWSMPH Obstetrics-Gynecology Rotation Requirements on Canvas Website.
- 2) There will be no division between inpatient L&D, inpatient surgery or outpatient office; these will all be interspersed throughout the rotation
- 3) Duty Hours must average less than 80 hours/week for working in the clinic or hospital only. This does not include study time.
- 4) Outpatient clinic hours may vary; please access the schedule of your provider the afternoon prior to review charts/ascertain starting time. Arriving at least 20 minutes prior to the first patient is recommended. N.B. Onalaska providers are listed under Center for Women, La Crosse providers under ObGyn La Crosse, and Dr. Ryan's schedule is listed under Gynecologic Specialties. If you are scheduled to go to an Outreach Clinic, please contact the Attending Physician to discuss where to meet/drive up together.
- 5) OR schedules may vary; please access the Ob-Gyn OR schedule the afternoon prior to review charts/ascertain starting time. Arriving at least 40 minutes prior to the first patient is recommended, to introduce yourself to the OR team/assist with patient positioning/review the case with the attending/examine the patient where appropriate (to correlate exam findings with intra-op findings).
- 6) L&D call: Arrive 15 minutes prior so as not to miss (if conducted) board sign-out and to introduce yourself to the unit secretary/L&D staff- put your name and pager on the white board and your hours of call. Call hours will vary. If you are on call overnight, rounding on the patients with your attending the morning post call is expected.
- 7) No call the night prior to your exam.
- 8) Didactic sessions
 - a) The Block Learning Time (BLT) sessions are mandatory- see schedule for dates/times
 - b) There will be a "boot camp" at the beginning of your six week rotation for orientation/skill learning- see schedule for dates/times
 - c) There are educational conferences held on the third (Maternal-Fetal Medicine) and fourth (ultrasound) Fridays of the month, usually in the 5th Floor Conference Room in the Legacy Building (just down the hall from Labor and Delivery) and 4F Onalaska- if your schedule permits, please attend.
- 9) No open toe shoes, and always wear socks or hosiery- and a watch in office. Infertility days (and in general)- do not wear strong aftershave/cologne/perfume- embryos (and some patients) are very scents-itive. Also- adults wear watches- helps with determining fetal heart rate.