

# UCSI med student delivers baby girl

**P**RACTICAL training in medicine is important for the development of clinical skills in the healing process.

At UCSI University, medical students receive more than the usual amount of clinical training.

Third- and fourth-year Medical students practise their clinical skills at the Sultanah Nur Zahirah Hospital in Kuala Terengganu while the university's own teaching hospital in Bandar Springhill, Port Dickson, is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

The students' longer clinical hours ensure that they get hands-on training by experts in the healthcare industry, while putting the theories they have learnt into practice.

Third-year medical student Vithyappriya Nachiappan said they were taught to tailor their knowledge to each patient.

"Since not all patients are the same, we are trained to be part of the professional medical team, and deal with patients as human beings, instead of as mannequins."

Vithyappriya said: "Most of us spend our weekends in the hospital, visiting labour rooms, watching and conducting deliveries and other procedures."

One memorable experience for her was delivering a baby.

"She was 2.86kg and is the highlight of my clinical training. To conduct a delivery and see the joy on a mother's face when she sees the baby for the first time is unforgettable."

The aspiring paediatrician added that her stint at the Accident and Emergency department was also interesting because one could see acute cases while learning how to stabilise patients.

The batch of medical students is divided into three groups, who take turns at different postings. There are seven postings in the third year, with four in surgical and three medical postings.

Students are expected to be at the hospital by 8am. They present their cases to their lecturers, make their diagnosis and recommend a course of treatment for the patients.

All students are expected to be on call from 7pm to 11pm twice a week during every posting. They make ward rounds with specialists where they practise procedures such as inserting an intravenous line.

Recently, the university invested in a fully-computerised medical lab that can house 60 people.

The lab enables students to access notes, lectures, exam questions, as well as databases not available in textbooks.

There are plans to make the same content compatible with students' handphones, so that they can access notes and lectures anytime.

Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences Professor Dr Jammal Essa said the lab focuses on student-centred learning techniques. This approach is implemented in all courses at UCSI University.

UCSI will have open days from June 25 to 27 between 10am and 5pm.

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