

Course Objective 2020

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Course Objective# 9: "Recognize accountability in all healthcare settings."

Accountability in the healthcare field is so important as it maintains trust between client and provider and makes sure that clients get the best care and they always come first! Patients are in the hospital or any facility because they need our help to get back to their best self, and it is our job to be accountable to be sure they get the best of care. Each and every clinical week I watched as all the healthcare team worked together to ensure each and every patient was getting the care they needed. I would walk on to the floor and see the certified nursing assistant (CNA) running around making sure everyone is eating their breakfast as well as getting their morning vital signs done. Then the registered nurses (RN) are completing their individual assessments as well as doing their rounds for morning meds. Accountability is important as these tasks are vital to give medications in the correct time frame and make sure the patient is taking them correctly. They have to be accountable for their actions and maintain an organized day to be sure to provide the best of care that benefits the recovery of their patients. On week #8 of clinical I watched a nurse take on full responsibility of an abdominal dressing on my assigned patient that was covered in complete sanguineous drainage and she jumped right on it to make sure we changed it right away. She prioritized her time with each patient even though she had about five on her list. When in the healthcare field it is important to take action over your responsibilities that you are trusted with and also being accountable. Being accountable means, you admit to your mistakes or just complete all your tasks that not only your doctors count on you to do but your patients as well. We as the RNs are their biggest advocate!