

## Description

- My first clinical of IM7 started in the Covenant Medical center emergency department. One other nursing student and myself were helping the nurses in Pod B. There were three nurses we followed for the four hours we were on the unit.

## Feelings

- Before going to these clinicals I was very excited, because I have always thought with my personality I would fit right in. When we first got there during shift report it seemed chaotic with night and day shift there and admissions coming in. As the shift went on the business and diversity of what we saw confirmed that I would thrive working in an ER.

## Evaluation

- What was good about this clinical was three of the nurses we followed were very nice, helpful and went out of their way to give us experience. A fourth nurse came in but did not allow ~~either~~ either of us to practice skills other than cleaning rooms so the first nurses we followed told us to quit following her. The nurses all worked together very well to benefit the patients and they all ask questions which shows me how the learning never stops.

## Analysis

- What is hard about nursing is figuring out if you would like a floor or a certain speciality, and with clinicals we are able to explore those. Clinicals are always easier when the nurses we follow ~~are~~ seem to actually care about how our experience is rather than making their shift easier.

## Conclusion

- What I learned during this clinical was how to do an initial assessment on admissions including using the EKG machine, do a COVID test, start IV's and draw blood. The only thing that could have made the clinical more memorable was seeing an emergency situation, but the other student and myself agreed that it was better there was none.

## Action Plan

Overall the clinical experience was one to remember because of how comfortable I felt there. The only thing I wish I could've done was to get the IV in on my attempt. Something I did notice was how vigilant the nurses were to wear protective gear for the COVID pts which I applauded them for, but while at the nurses station their masks were barely on. This experience gives weight to if I would want to work in the ER or ICU.