

During my clinical experience I was able to observe and participate in vitals, TPN feeding, diabetic teaching, assessment and blood draws. During this time I was able to apply critical thinking to my patients and learn what labs are important to look into. I also was able to learn time management and go over orders for all of my patients. Learning to communicate with parents and young children is an interesting experience, because children can have high levels of anxiety. During my five shifts I have developed more confidence in talking to my patients and educating them on what to do. It is important to be confident when you walk in a patient's room so the patient can be at ease. I have also learned the importance of continuous observation, because often times when patients are not progressing in accordance with the care plan, you will need to reassess the patient more frequently. Overall this experience has been a great learning experience, and I've learned many skills that I will apply to my future experience.