

My experiences during my clinical preceptorship have been productive and very educational. My first shift was observation and my preceptor showed me her routine and how she works throughout the day. During shift change and report the night nurse was more than happy to share the patient's chart and asked me personally if there was anything she could explain further or anything to clarify, that was the first time another nurse acknowledged me during report and asked if I understood the information presented. I appreciated it when my preceptor asked me what my goals were and what I would like to be exposed to during my shifts. She showed me an overview of charting and numerous ways to chart efficiently. Throughout my first shift I gave meds with my preceptor, she showed me neat tips and tricks to make medication preparation a breeze. In addition, I got a good insight on a post-op admission! I loved the camaraderie the floor had with each other, everyone was very warm and welcoming to me and my fellow classmates. I could tell I would enjoy my precepting shifts when the secretary and everyone else told me I was "one of them" and "part of the family now." It really made me feel cared for and assured that I had people around me who would help me grow not only as a nurse but as a person.

My second shift was similar to the first. Overall, the shift was calm, although there was an hour where we were running around from patient to patient. I remember being hungrier and more exhausted earlier in the day. My preceptor handled the busy time with a positive attitude and took the time to provide each patient the proper care that they needed. In addition, she took the time to take a breath and teach me throughout the rest of the day. On a positive note, it was my first time documenting in pediatrics! To say the least I learned a lot with the guidance of my preceptor throughout the day.

My third and fourth shifts I was assigned two patients. I cared for the same patients during my consecutive shifts. While charting I was surprised how much my documentation improved compared to the first day. I also had the opportunity to successfully draw labs from a patient's IV and it was the first time I gave a bolus with the help of my preceptor. I had the opportunity to give report during shift change and wrote new orders with the guidance of my preceptor. I had a lot of "firsts" and opportunities to continuously improve and learn during my first four shifts with the help from not only my preceptor, but from the other great staff on the floor. I eagerly look forward to the rest of my preceptorship and the new aspects to learn.