

The games that we played during our SIM lab was beyond helpful. I enjoyed it because it allowed me to think outside the box and look at the whole picture when it comes to taking care of my patient. As time goes on while I am in nursing school I am learning how to critically think as a nurse and use the best techniques that are noninvasive as I continue through each module. In continuing, I feel that yesterday showed me how much I have progressed with handling care, being in a difficult situation and how I can use my knowledge and resources to my advantage. Of course, I would have liked to experience the SIM lab at Texas Tech, but the game was very well appreciated.

Tuesday was a great day as well. First, it was nice to get a little review over chest tubes again. Although the material over that exam was not that long ago, I had forgotten minor details over the break. Including, I never seen a pediatric one when compared to an adult chest tube, so that was interesting to see the difference in those. Secondly, the patient hand-off was the section that I enjoyed in the most because in my opinion I feel that is the upmost important part to a nurse's day. The critical thinking begins as soon as the hand-off begins because you must look at the entire picture to decide which patient is the listed as the most important to the least and how to delegate if needed. Therefore, it is crucial in learning how to think and act as a nurse because this choice you make at the beginning of the day can determine your entire day for you and your patients. Third, I enjoyed talking over Millie and Henrys paperwork, because it allowed me to think outside my box again and learn how to pick good interventions for not only these patients but my care map patient and future patients that I will encounter. Lastly, the lab game was very fun! I am a lab assistant and have been for 4 years. Working in the lab is a huge advantage when it comes to school because I know a fair amount of information when it pertains to not only the phlebotomy skill but the knowledge being lab work. However, I do not know everything, and I am always willing to put my knowledge to the challenge and the game really allowed me to do so.

Thank you all for the experience and your time!