

Midterm Preceptorship Reflection

I am precepting in the adult emergency department and it has provided me with many new experiences and learning opportunities so far. I have been able to practice my skills and meet the other AED staff. When I arrived for my first shift, I felt fairly comfortable with my medication administration and I knew that I understood the medication rights. However, I was somewhat nervous about performing my skills in front of my preceptor and the other ED staff. I had not had much practice with my skills on actual patients and I knew that performing skills on patients would be much different than performing the skills on the manikins at school.

By the second shift, I had several opportunities to practice IV starts and I was even able to place a straight catheter in a female patient. During my last five shifts, I have even been able to place Foleys for two male patients and practice many other skills. So far, the ED has been a wonderful place to learn and practice many different skills and most of the staff there are wonderful teachers and try to offer students as many experiences to learn as they can. I am hoping that by the end of this preceptorship I will be comfortable with performing my skills independently. I know that starting as a new graduate nurse in the ED is going to be a whole new experience and I will learn even more when that time comes but for now I am going to try to learn as much from this preceptorship as I possibly can so that I will be better prepared for my experiences as a new graduate.