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My first five shifts on HC5 (Neuro) have been so much more than I could've expected, in the best way. I've learned many new skills, including how to change a colostomy bag. Along with learning new skills, I've also learned more efficient ways to perform other skills while keeping the patient safe.

As of day 3 I was already providing full patient care to all of my patients, including charting assessments, rounding, discharges, and hand off to the incoming nurse. While I have been able to do many things, I have also realized areas that I'm needing more practice with and have focused on taking initiative to learn more in those areas. One of those areas being blood draws and starting IVs. I struggle with confidence in that area, but my preceptor has really created a great learning environment for me and pushes me to try new things every day that I am there. I have created friendships with many of the nurses on the unit as well as the CNAs and receptionists. I'm grateful that everyone has welcomed me with open arms and are willing to create learning opportunities for me when they're available.

I'm looking forward to the rest of my preceptorship on this unit and to learning many new things. I'm excited to announce that I have accepted an interview/position with HC5. My interview is tomorrow January 30 and hopefully starting date will be the end of March or beginning of April. Initially I thought the ER is where I would learn the skills that I'm wanting to learn, but it turns out HC5 is exactly where I needed to be. After personal struggles with mental health, I'm hoping to pursue a career in Psychology and pay forward the same care that I received when I was at my lowest.