

Reflection

During these first five shifts I have been able to experience clinical on Pedi floor, Pedi ER, PICU and NICU. I have enjoyed being in staffing, being able to widen my knowledge in all areas of pediatrics. I look forward to each shift knowing I will learn something new each shift.

Being in staffing, I was nervous coming in not knowing what to expect each day. Whitney, my preceptor has been very helpful, welcoming me and being very patient. I have been able to learn about EVD drains, DiGeorge syndrome and many other medical diseases. I have been able to practice my nursing skills like communication with family, sterile gloving, assessments, administering medication.

In the PICU I was able to learn how to do hourly neuro assessment to monitor ICP. Pediatric floor I was able to practice time management and learn how to admit patients and discharge them. NICU I learned to monitor for RDS and thermoregulation in neonates. Pedi ER I was able to practice assessment questions to get information from patients and families and get comfortable giving discharge education and answering questions.

Overall, I have learned nursing skills that will help me in my future career. I'm excited to see what else I will learn in the next five shifts.