

Reflection: Midterm

This clinical experience has been really great. I have seen and learned so much during those long 12 hour shifts. When I went to those floors in module 5 I really did not get to experience as much as I would have wanted to. Now, coming back and being able to join staffing and truly see the beginning of the shift to the end is really eye opening.

I have seen so much going around each floor in the pediatric setting. I could really see the team work and the environment in each floor. I noticed the Emergency Department has really great team work. The nurses are so helpful and will assist you when you can't do something such as starting an IV. My nurse was unsuccessful and the charge nurse and another nurse came to help and started one for the patient. Being in the ED for one shift I was able to see the process of admissions, transfers, and discharges. The pace on the floor is quick it was nice to be able to assist their needs and then send them home.

The pediatric floor was great experience as well. I was able to get my first IV stick on a patient so that was exciting. I did notice that certain shifts have a different team environment than other shifts on that floor. The people were great but not as much team work seen on that floor. There was a lot of respiratory and cancer patients on the floor. My nurse is chemo certified and I learned that you have to be a nurse for at least one year and take a 3-day class to obtain the license for that. I was able to get my experience using the syringe pumps to give medications. I saw CPS involved in a lot of cases which was sad to see but we must remain professional and treat the family members with the same care always.

The pediatric intensive care unit was another great floor I enjoyed. The people who work on that floor are so great and helpful. The second best teamwork I witnessed was on this floor. They were so kind helping when we had questions or needed help. I was able to see how the nurse and doctor communicate with each other. I noticed a lot of them are nice and the nurse practitioners are really great. I did see the process of not continuing care for a patient and the death process that followed. That was sad to see especially seeing how the parents reacted to the passing. On the contrary I did see patients get moved down to the pedi floor which was great because they were getting better. A lot of communication and talking to the parents on this floor. One patient came in because the parent was diluting the formula resulting in hypoglycemia. So, a lot of patient education was given.

The neonatal intensive care unit was a great floor as well. The cluster care made the time go by fast. I really enjoyed this floor. The process is really repetitive so it was easy to catch on. The babies would go brady really fast so just moving them or stimulating them would help. During feedings I learned the different positions that would most benefit them. I was able to see a lingual frenotomy and a circumcision done. It was sad to see that families who lived close by and they were not coming to see their baby. I enjoyed feeding them and seeing their different personalities at such a young age. I was able to see a discharge and it was exciting to see them leave with a healthy newborn. I learned how to manage time if you have two babies with the same feeding time and even delegating. I did realize how fast time goes by and write down the time things happened for charting purposes.

So far this has been such an incredible learning process. I have seen and learned so much in such a short time.