

**Instructional Module 6  
Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience**

Community Site: STD clinic

1. What did you observe during the day? Were there any specific procedures that were able to participate in or observe?

I observed a lot of urine tests, syphilis and HIV tests, a few throat swabs, injections, and I got to see what happens in the laboratory. I saw how they do syphilis titers and gram stains. I got to do a few blood draws, I did an HIV finger prick, a throat swab, and an injection.

2. What was the best/most interesting part of the experience?

I think the most interesting part of my day was seeing the different bacteria and things under the microscope. I got to see a living trich bacteria and I thought it was so cool.

3. Is a community nursing position something that you would consider working in? Why or why not?

I've always considered about working in a clinic. I like the smaller environment. However, I feel like nurses who work in the community are limited to do certain things and I want to be able to be versatile.

4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why not?

I feel like the STD clinic gave really good service to their patients. The nurses were not judgmental at all and they made sure to be upfront and honest with the patients. They were extremely understanding and I feel like that's an important factor in caring for patients.

5. Did you witness patient teaching? What general things were taught to this population? Do you feel that patient teaching in this community site was adequate? Why or why not?

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I witnessed a lot of patient teaching and the nurses were able to answer any questions the patient had. The thing that was taught and emphasized the most during my time at the clinic was to practice safe sex. They also taught the patients about their treatments and when to come back to get retested. They also taught me so much so I really appreciated and enjoyed being there.