

**Instructional Module 6  
Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience**

Community Site: Dr. Tracy Suit's Office

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

-Due to unfortunate circumstances, Dr. Suit was absent from the office, which meant many clients needed rescheduling. The nurse was able to do simple check-ups with Dr. Suit's notes, and I observed several cervix checks, measured the fundus, and located the fetal heart tone with a Doppler.

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

-The most interesting part of the day was seeing the nurse be able to run the clinic while Dr. Suit was out for the day. I'm sure that is common in their field of practice since Dr. Suit could get pulled at any moment for an emergency delivery. However, it was something that is not common to see in most practices, and I admire her ability to do such.

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

-Personally, working in a community nursing position is something that I have considered. Working in the hospital is preferable to me at this time in my life; however, I am interested in school nursing or Home Care and Hospice if circumstances change, but I do not see myself serving this community.

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

-From what I observed, this community site serves their population very well, considering the physician was not in the office and several patients were seen today. The nurse was able to step up and ease the nerves of the patients and meet their needs. The only patients that were rescheduled were those scheduled for an ultrasound and an annual GYN appointment.

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?

-The nurse did spend adequate time doing patient teaching; generally, what was taught was to increase water intake, lower salt intake, elevate swollen extremities, and that after a vaginal exam, minor spotting is regular. At times it seemed like a blanket statement to tell a patient, no matter the concern, but it did ease their nerves.