

During these past 120 hours in the ED I have been able to put my skills to the test as well as learn a ton of things. I am nowhere close to knowing enough to be on my own yet. I know my orientation will help me a lot with being prepared, and there will be less traumas at my new job which is where I feel the weakest in. I will still prepare myself though if one were to walk in. I wish I had seen a code ran in the ED because I have only ever done one at the nursing home and I just did compressions, and no medications were given or shocks. However, I did get to see a lot of things such as strokes and STEMI's which I know I will see at my new job.

I am grateful I got to have this experience because I was able to do a ton of foleys and IV's which I did not feel strong on before. I still need to work on my IV sticks on older skin, but I know there will be plenty of time for that. I think the ED was a great hands on learning environment for me and I feel ten times more confident in my skills and assessments than I did in previous modules. Maybe it is just everything I have learned coming together in to practice. The staff in the ED were for the most part very nice and taught me a ton of tips and tricks along the way. One tip I would give future students would be some nurses that are not preceptors you will have to be assertive and say you want the IV stick or you may miss your chance. The only times I ever denied would be in life or death situations and that just was not the time for me to practice or miss a vein any other times I was sure to at least look for a vein.

Anyways my experience in the ED was great and I am glad it is where I was assigned because I think I will be an ED nurse for a long time after this. It helped me confirm that this is the specialty I wanted to pursue. This module is by far the best module of nursing school and I did not know if I would make it to this point. I am looking forward to graduation and thank you for all you and Mrs. Pia do.