

My final five shifts of preceptorship have concluded. They were November 9, 25, 30 and December 1, 2. At Covenant in Levelland on the Med Surge Unit and Emergency Department. I was assigned Johnny Cerbantez as my preceptor. I took on the role of Total patient care of several different patients on those dates, and Johnny was there to supervise me in this role. Now that I have concluded my preceptorship, I have learned many things about myself including some of my strengths and weaknesses

I continued to feel confident going into my second half of preceptorship. I was starting to get more comfortable with what was expected of me and being able to get it done in a timely manner. Even though each day posed its own unique challenges it never made me falter from what I was there to do.

Some of the good experiences I had this half, was the communication I had with the patients and being able to address their concerns and needs in a timely manner to the best of my abilities. And I was also able to see another department in practice due to low census I was able to go to the Emergency department where I was able to practice on skill sets that did not present themselves to the Med Surg Unit. I never had a bad experience overall but there was times that when it got hectic I had to slow myself down to think on what I needed to do and the best ways I can get it done, what came easy to me was my ability to make good assessments and use my knowledge to formulate a plan of care in which I would need for each individual patient. Some of my difficulties I would say is just within time management and preparedness.

Overall, I think my preceptorship was an invaluable lesson that I learned from, and think that without this experience it would have done more harm in my learning. I never had to worry that I was all alone during this time and with the mentality of the Unit everyone was willing to help each other when there was a need. I would like to continue that attitude wherever life takes me for there will be times that anyone needs help and the people you work with should help out each other and not hinder because in the end it's the patients that will suffer if the staff is not working as a team.