

Through the second half of my preceptorship I gained a lot of confidence in what I was doing. After experiencing critical care patients and even seeing progression of sepsis shock, I was able to take away from the experience and implement it into what kind of nurse I want to be. I asked myself a lot of tough questions throughout my preceptorship, the main one being if I was smart enough to be here. It was a question I always asked myself through a lot of hoops I have gone through, but the diligence of showing up everyday in the hospital and wanting to take away something from the experience took me a lot farther than cowering away from opportunities. I learned that there is no perfect nurse and everyone does things differently and it is truly up to myself to learn my own strengths and weaknesses. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with all the pediatric patients and their families. The patient and family interaction is one of the biggest upsides for me in this line of work. I was able to communicate any information that they seemed and were able to make my patient and their family comfortable. I took a lot out of the preceptorship but most importantly I want to be the kind of nurse that doesn't leave no stone unturned. I want to be able to always ask questions about what we are doing and why we are doing them. It allows me to gain a deeper understanding or reinforce it and as well as relay it to the patients' family as well as teach others what I have been informed on. I learned a lot from my preceptor as well. He created a very comforting but challenging environment and was always matching my energy when it came to effort. I was very pleased with how I progressed throughout the preceptorship. I was able to identify my strengths with time management and cluster care. As well as my weaknesses with disease pathology and identifying stressors or anticipating changes. I came in with an open mindset and wanted to learn where I was at as a future nurse, and I was pleased with the results. At times things would feel stagnant during the day and there were times where it was slow and we looked to fill in those times with productivity. There are many parts that played together during the preceptorship. Though there is a long road ahead I am grateful that I got the experience I did with my preceptor and as well on the unit.