

Preceptorship Final Reflection

For the second half of my preceptorship, I got to do 4 shifts on the pediatric floor and two half day in the NICU. The last 5 days of the preceptorship are where I really felt like things started to come together and really make me feel like a nurse. I made significant progress on my charting, time management, prioritization, and overall patient care. The preceptorship has built my confidence and made me feel more prepared to step into the world of nursing.

Throughout my last five days, I had a variety of patients. One of the most interesting patients I had was a baby in the NICU. He was born with hydrocephalus and had a VP shunt placed. The nurse told me that we don't often place shunts on babies that young at covenant, so it was very cool to see especially because I also had many patients on the pediatric floor that had shunts placed in the past. Another patient that I had was a non-accidental trauma patient on the pediatric floor. This was one of my favorite patients because I got to do a lot of his cares and feeds and just love on him. I also had a patient that was admitted for gallstones, but the physician had refused to do surgery on her. This was a neat case to be a part of because the patient ended up with a different physician who did perform the surgery she needed. The nurse and I got to advocate for our patient and her needs, and we formed a very close relationship with the family. This case really taught me how to advocate and speak to different members of the care team and make sure our patient was getting the best care possible.

Overall, my preceptorship taught me how to use all the skills and information that I had learned in school and apply it in a real-life practice. I feel more confident in my abilities and am excited to see what the rest of my nursing career has in store.