

Instructional Module 6: Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience

Community Site: **Community Health Center- STD Clinic**

1. What did you observe during the day? Were there any specific procedures that were able to participate in or observe? **During my rotation I was able to observe a throat swab, blood draws, and the nurse doing a head to toe exam on individuals who were exposed to STI's. I was able to do swabs, draw blood, and educate patients on safe sex.**
2. What was the best/most interesting part of the experience? **During this experience it was really interesting to see the scope of practice of community health nurses and see how they have to take into consideration caring for populations rather than just an individual.**
3. Is a community nursing position something that you would consider working in? Why or why not? **I would be interested in being in a community nursing position because I would want to make a bigger impact in the community. The STD Clinic is located where I use to live and that area is considered the more "ghetto" area but it was where I grew up in and allowed me to see more on how I could influence my community.**
4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why not? **I believe it does to some extent. The Lab Tech was telling me that they are trying to provide more testing but due to financial restrictions they were not able to.**

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? **Safe sex practices was something that was emphasized during my time here. The nurses were saying how sexual health is just as important as mental and medical health which I believe put into perspective for the patients we have seen. They also discussed with the patients how it is okay to live your life but you do need to be safe.**

6. Provide examples of care describing *one or more* of the IM6 Student Learning Outcomes.

IM6 Student Learning Outcomes				
Safety & Quality	Clinical Judgment	Patient Centered Care	Professionalism	Communication & Collaboration
<i>Formulate a plan of care for the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders using evidence-based practice, safety, and quality principles.</i>	<i>Demonstrate clinical judgment using evidence-based data in making clinical decisions for the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders.</i>	<i>Demonstrate family centered care based on the needs of the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders.</i>	<i>Relate knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of the professional nurse by advocating and providing care to the childbearing families, and the patient with mental health disorders.</i>	<i>Communicate and collaborate effectively with patients, family, and members of the interdisciplinary team in the childbearing family, and the patient with mental health disorders.</i>

Safety & Quality: I was able to provide excellent care towards patients by maintaining aseptic technique when drawing blood and doing mouth swabs.

Clinical Judgment: The nurse and I decided which HIV test would be best for each patient.

Patient Centered Care: One of our patients was embarrassed about having to be tested but we assured her that it doesn't make her any less of a person to be tested and that it is best to be tested when she changes partners or at least once a year.

Professionalism: During my shift I did have to draw my exes blood. I kept it strictly professional and didn't alert anyone about our relationship, with the exception of this reflection.

Communication & Collaboration: The nurse and I worked as a team to work through patients and collaborated well. She and I sort of read each others minds when we needed an additional item. She and I also were able to communicate in a professional manner when my drawing blood technique needed work.