

Midterm Reflection

Being in the NICU for the past 5 shifts has opened my eyes to how much this place feels like home. I have always been drawn to the NICU but being able to spend 12 hour shifts here and being allowed to do skills independently, made all of it more official for me. I have learned so many things, from how to hold a baby, to how to insert NG tubes, to how to administer fluids and so much more. Most of the skills that I have done so far have come very naturally to me, but others not so much. Things such as holding babies and bonding with them while doing cares have been what has come naturally to me and one of my favorite things to do here. Other things, such as charting and being able to manage my care times for each baby have been a little bit more difficult, as I'm barely navigating what works best for me when it comes to these things. As I progress and I start on my last 5 shifts, I want to be able to improve on the skills that I am still struggling to manage, as well as the ones that I've been doing well on. I want to be able to practice and learn the best that I can, as I would love to work in the NICU once I graduate Covenant School of Nursing.