

This preceptorship has been such a valuable and exciting time to grow and learn following several nurses in a critical care setting. I have grown so much as a student approaching being a nurse and as a person, as this experience has taught me so much!

I grew and thrived in Critical Care, it is fast paced and I love that I am constantly having to utilize critical thinking. I really enjoyed being able to meet and follow other nurses, who were able to show me their processes and what matters the most to them as nurses. I feel like PICU was rewarding and challenging, and I am so fortunate to be placed on this unit for the last 8 weeks. I wouldn't change much about my experience, and I had a genuinely beneficial time. The only thing that was difficult was having to follow multiple nurses due to my preceptor being cancelled/calling in, but while it was challenging, it was also rewarding to gain multiple perspectives.

I was weary going into the preceptorship and fully doubted my ability to succeed in PICU, but after 8 weeks, I am more confident in making decisions for my patients and trusting my knowledge. I have spent the last two years learning skills that make my success possible on this unit, and I have learned that I know more than I think I do. I look forward to a potential future on this unit, and what my nursing journey will look like based on the skills and experience I had here.