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Midterm Reflection

At the beginning of this module, I won't lie, I was slightly disappointed that I did not get my first option, which was Labor and Delivery. Pediatrics was always something that I had in the back of my mind that I thought I would enjoy, but I never put too much thought into it. Now that I have worked 5 shifts and kept an open mind, I am surprised to say that I may have found my calling.

My experience on the pediatric floor so far has been more than I expected. The nurses have all been super friendly and open to me being there. The presence of teamwork and collaboration on the floor has made me feel right at home. I have also been blessed with preceptors that truly care about my learning and want me to get the most out of this experience as I can.

Coming into this I also expected to see mostly respiratory patients, considering the season, but I have actually seen a variety of different diagnoses. Some of the patients diagnoses I have seen so far include glomerulonephritis, Leukemia, appendicitis, femur fracture, Ulcerative colitis, possible osteomyelitis, and new onset diabetics. Skills that I have been able to perform include IVPB, IVP, insulin injections, IV removals, charting, G-tube feeds and med admin.

In the next five shifts I am hoping to improve on all the skills I have been doing as well as jumping in to get more practice on things such as IV sticks and blood draws. I also would like to continue learning how to provide good education and start to feel more comfortable taking on some of the educational conversations on my own. Charting will continue to be something I work on improving and am hoping to get more opportunities to chart as much as possible.

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Overall, I am really enjoying my time and am really considering the peds world may be where I belong. I am excited to see what the next 5 shifts bring and continue to feel more comfortable in the role of a nurse.