

Reflection

My overall experience in Oncology has been great. When I started my first day I was very nervous and scared because I didn't know what to expect or if I would fit in with the staff. Once I met my preceptor, Jessie, she made me feel comfortable by being welcoming and patient with my questions, which helped me feel supported and more confident.

I have improved a lot during my five preceptor shifts and hope to continue improving. There were many skills that I already knew how to perform, which made me feel more prepared and confident on the floor. These included pulling and preparing medications, performing head-to-toe assessments, providing patient centered care, performing blood draw, and safely administering medications. Being able to perform these skills increased my confidence and allowed me to engage more in my patients' care.

The care that I was able to provide and observe with my preceptor helped me gain new experiences. I was able to observe blood administration and how to prime blood IV lines, watched chemotherapy administration and the safety precautions involved, and learned how to take care of patients with a chest tube. I also gained experience on charting patients' care plans and patient education, which was something I didn't know how to do. Additionally, I saw a PleurX drain for the first time this week, which was a very interesting experience.

Areas I feel that I need to improve include becoming more confident on programming IV pumps, being able to educate my patient even more on their medication and becoming more familiar with chemotherapy medications. Overall, this experience has strengthened my patient care skills, helped me learn how to prioritize care and taught me how to work efficiently in stressful situations. It has better prepared me for what to expect as I begin my nursing career, and I couldn't have done it without my preceptor, Jessie, whom I am very grateful for.