

Lakeview School of Nursing
N405 Leadership and Management
Weekly Clinical Journal

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Week 2

Journal of Observations: Today I started my CCU rotation which I will be in for the remainder of the semester. The morning started with a COVID positive patient going into asystole after being flipped from prone to supine position. I was able to stand outside the door and observe the hard working team of nurses save a man's life. After sorting through the logistics of getting him airlifted, the patient flew to Carle. At the end of the day I was able to observe an intubation on an older adult client who had been given too much pain medicine and needed rapid resuscitation. It was so amazing to see the doctors and nurses work together in perfect harmony. Overall, it was a very enriching first day of clinical.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed: I saw dozens of nurses and doctors and respiratory therapists become a well oiled machine to keep someone alive. The nurse I was shadowing was a clear leader and was able to keep the situation calm and organized. During the intubation, she went ahead and prepped everything beforehand, as to relieve the stress of the situation. She delegated tasks to other nurses and a care partner to make sure everything went smoothly. It was amazing to see everyone stop and listen to her as she began talking. She was a clear leader on that floor.

Week 3 Date: 09/10/2020

Journal of Observations: Today at clinical I was back in the CCU at Sarah Bush Lincoln. During clinical I was able to help a patient on Lasix use the bathroom multiple times, administer Insulin, pass PO medications, and do glucose checks. I was able to observe my nurse access an atrial line, and talk to the patient's family about the patients options. It was a slower day than last week, but I still feel like I was able to practice my skills and learn new information.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed: I saw my nurse work with the charge nurse to care for our patients today. The charge nurse was quick to help educate my nurse on a topic she needed help with. They collaborated to find solutions to problems and it helped me enhance my critical thinking skills.

Week 4 Date 09/17/2020 (Missed Clinical)

Journal of Observations: Today I am going to write about my first day on 2 South at Sarah Bush Lincoln during my second semester of nursing school. I was paired with a nurse and the first thing she did was tell me that she was going to help make the most of my clinical time. She helped me prime tubing for the first time, administer IV medications, check blood glucose, and navigate the charts. I was able to take all those skills and build on them throughout the semester.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed: I was able to observe my nurse collaborate with case managers and doctors while maintaining 6 patients. She worked closely with the charge nurse to ensure the best care for the patient. It taught me how to organize my time when I am on the floor and prioritize care for each client.

Week 5 Date 09/24/2020

Journal of Observations: Today was another slow day in the CCU but I actually feel like I learned a lot. The nurse I was paired with today mostly let me observe while she managed the patients and I was able to zero in on the nurses skills and take note. She was extremely kind and took her time while prioritizing care for her clients. Another nurse took me under her wing and let me pass medications while quizzing me on my pharmacology knowledge.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed: I was able to observe nurses working together to collaborate care for clients with complicated diseases, delegate to the CCU tech for tasks that were within his scope of practice, and work as a team to turn a patient to the prone position.

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