

What is my proudest about regarding my learning activities this week? I think being able to help other nurses and predict what they need to complete next. I think now we are becoming more helpful to the staff because we are learning where everything is and they are starting to train us like real staff which is nice. I love being able to help people and help with the educational aspects with patients. There were a few times I was able to help educate a patient on medication and the effects. ED medications are at times used minimally compared to upstairs in med surg or CCU areas. I do like the constant rotation that the ED provides daily.

What tasks did I respond to most easily this week? I felt like it is getting easier to do EKG's and learn the procedures in the ED. I found myself predicting the next move and anticipating what needed to be done. The nurse would ask me if something was done only to realize I had already completed the task. That kind of moment is always amazing.

What have I learned this week about myself as a learner? I learned that I am getting faster at everything. I have learned so much being in the ED at Danville. I think it has been so helpful to go to Danville verses OSF in Urbana all the time. This rotation was my first at Danville and I have really enjoyed getting to know the staff and patients.

A cultural aspect of the week?

I seen difficulties that can arise with doctors that have language barriers. A few of the patients had difficulty understanding what they were saying to them. I think this kind of situation happens often.

The Sigma this week was nursing liability and ethics. This section explained the importance of recognizing risk factors such as safety concerns, medication administration. There was also great emphasis on correct procedure for proper protocols. It was interesting to find out that a lot of falls happen due to reaching the bathroom, visual impairment, dementia, and metabolic changes. I think this is helpful to know especially in the ED when people are admitted knowing the risk factors will help me understand and know the associated risks for people coming in for medical care.