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Upon entering the facility, there is a set of double doors that are both locked magnetically. After signing in on their booklet we went into the first door which requires a key as most doors in this facility do. There are signs upon entering the units that state “Warning High Elopement Risk” which is a warning to be cautious when opening the door. We had no personal issues with clients eloping, but there were two elopements called out on the overhead intercom. This student nurse was assigned to the adult unit. On this unit there were people roaming freely throughout the hallways, listening to loud music, and others socializing in the hall. Due to the lack of knowledge this student nurse was uncomfortable because he did not know what to expect in a mental health clinical. My original thought was **I can see why some people are here, but some of these people seem relatively normal.** After continued observation it became evident as to why other were on the unit. The staff seemed friendly, which put me at ease. The groups were open but didn’t seem in an overall positive mood.

One misconception this student nurse had about mental health going into this clinical is that there was going to be security posted frequently throughout the facility. I did not see a single security officer the entire clinical. The clients acted in an overall appropriate for the setting are placed in.

One thing I would have liked to learn this clinical and will look forward to learning throughout my clinical time at the Pavilion is how to act and respond to clients under distress. This student nurse observed the group leader maintain a firm and dominant position with the client in a non-threatening way.