

What is my proudest about regarding my learning activities this week? I think being able to predict the needs of the patients and what we need as nurses to complete the tasks. Learning what the doctors will order and what to expect is helpful. The whole clinical experience in the ED has been amazing for me the nurses and staff are wonderful about teaching people. They want you to learn and like to teach you don't always see that in other departments. SO I have enjoyed learning in the ED for that reason.

What tasks did I respond to most easily this week? The daily interactions in the ED has helped me understand protocols and standards of care. Learning the ins and outs of what we do and why we do what we do which is helpful.

What have I learned this week about myself as a learner? I feel like I have really learned to listen and follow directions better. I realize now I am getting better at what is needed some of the daily routines in the ED.

A cultural aspect of the week? The variety of people we see in the ED has been interesting. I think you start to see just how culturally mixed America is becoming and how we need to be more culturally sensitive when engaging with patients in all departments. I have started to see now in the clinical field why it is so essential.

The Sigma this week was creating budgets and business plans. This subject has really come to light with bringing the sigma information into the OSF management meeting we have been attending at our clinical. The managers are very helpful with teaching us about management problems, solutions, and budgeting. Throughout this clinical I have been in several meetings and for me it has really given me more respect for those in leadership roles. The jobs require business planning and budget planning and staying on tasks to make sure things are taken care of on time. Business and budgets clearly go hand in hand and it is two of the biggest aspects that as a manager you will have to work with to maintain that balance in a working environment. I am thankful to OSF for letting us in their environment and meeting so we can learn its wonderful.