

Clinical Rotation Site: RAD Carle Main Hospital

Last week at clinical, I went to Radiology to shadow the nurses. I was able to obtain an overview of the different nurses and the positions they held during their daily shifts. The nurse I shadowed was on the floor, getting people prepared for their procedures. I was able to observe the questions that get asked while prepping the patient for their procedure. I was able to remove a patient's port with the nurse's assistance. There was a child that had an MRI done, and I observed what post-anesthesia delirium looks like, as I have never seen it before.

One thing I learned from my experience during clinical in radiology was that all the nurses have different assigned positions depending on the day. Some nurses are getting patient prepped for their procedures, and some go back with them. There are many various fields available in the nursing career!

I would not necessarily do anything different, but I had to wait for a while before anyone came back to get me to go to the radiology department. The delay is not anything that can be changed; unfortunately, as our clinical begins at six-forty-five a.m., and the nurses do not come in until seven a.m.. I believe that the nurses got settled before someone came to get me, which is understanding.

My major "take-home" from the clinical experience is that now I have more of an understanding of what nurses in radiology do. I was fortunate to have a great nurse to shadow; she explained everything thoroughly and made sure I gained recognition. I am thankful that as a clinical group, we can venture off and see different fields the nursing field has to offer!

Overall, the radiology department was very friendly! The nurses were all knowledgeable and seemed to enjoy explaining things. I had a terrific clinical experience in radiology.