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On our first clinical day, we were introduced to the staff, made familiar with our surroundings, and took a tour of the pediatric unit. During the tour of the pediatric unit, we were able to see what a common room would look like for a baby who was hospitalized on the unit and children of older ages. The location of the supply closet, the medication's room, linen closet, and other essentials were provided for us. There weren't many children that were on the pediatric unit at the time. It was a very quiet and calm day. Perfect for my classmates, and I to become a custom to our new environment for the next seven weeks. There was a baby that the nurse asked if two students could help her with the cleaning of the child, while the rest of us watched from outside of the room through the glass window, the baby was a failure to thrive due to her mother excessively diluting the formula that she was feeding her. She was failing to gain weight and also showed signs of delayed development when she arrived. She came in at 8 pounds and she was 10 pounds on our first day of clinicals.

I think the greatest challenge that I experienced during the clinical day was that I missed out on hands-on experience with the child that some of the students were assisting with. I wasn't given an opportunity to grow personally or professionally during the clinical day. However, I believe during times of stillness that requires patience and forces you to grow spiritually because it is easy to become upset with what isn't happening instead of rejoicing, that the population in

the unit is low so there aren't that many sick kids. And I appreciated and enjoyed the discussion time that we were able to have within our group in the break room. We were all assigned different questions for different age groups, and we challenged our classmates with these questions and helped them with rationales for the answers of the questions. We also went over vital signs for all age groups of the pediatric demographic. This really helped me because many times I get confused about the different age ranges, and the particular vital signs that go with those ages. It was extremely helpful to get that refresher. The Bible verse that came to mind during the clinical day was Ephesians 4:2. It says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." We must not forget that is a new clinical experience for all of us in this group. Humbling ourselves, so that we may understand the knowledge that the nurses and our instructor are providing us with is imperative, being gentle and patient with the children and parents, and any unfortunate situation's that may arise that are out of our control will be a different experience as well. and lastly helping each other and loving each other throughout this experience will only strengthen our bonds as classmates and as children of God.