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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” \_ 2 Corinthians 5:17

In this week’s clinical rotation, I had the opportunity to start my pediatric nursing clinical rotation. During my time on the pediatric unit, I had the opportunity get to familiarize myself with the pediatric floor, the utilities, and the tools that are essential for a pediatric assessment. While at the pediatric unit, we observed the feeding of an infant with the nursing diagnosis of failure to thrive. While the nutritionist was explaining the required calorie intake of the infant. I was able to change the diaper of the infant and coming from a place with no previous experience on how to handle or interact with infants or children small tasks such as changing a diaper or interacting with one could feel like a small challenge.

While changing the diaper of the infant and hearing the nursing diagnosis, I started to make clinical nursing connections and tailored nursing interventions based on the patient’s needs. Being able to start to have critical thinking as a nurse is one of the earliest accomplishments that I am observing that I am starting to obtain. Nevertheless, as a nursing student, there is always room for improvement such as faster nursing assessment and the SBAR technique when communicating with the medical team.

Nursing is a very demanding career; nevertheless, it feels very rewarding to be able to help others even with small tasks such as changing a diaper or feeding an infant. While coming to the

pediatric unit I came with the mentality that I was not interested to be a pediatric nurse.

However, my first experience in a pediatric unit is shifting and gaining interest in this unit. As a nursing student and one day as a nurse. I think the Lord is constantly changing us to be better nurses and Christians. By putting values such as compassion, and love to care for others the Lord is changing our old self for a new one that is ready to serve in His ministry.