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This week was the first week of pediatrics clinical rotations. I had no idea what to expect. We were first acquainted with the facility and where things were located. We learned about the different types of rooms as well as equipment. Lastly, we were able to observe a toddler who was diagnosed with failure to thrive. The toddler was 18 months old and was admitted because she was not being fed the correct formula ratio. The mother was putting too many parts of water in the child's bottle, this led to the child being underweight. In addition to not getting the correct nutrition, the child was a premature baby. While the baby was under the care of the hospital, she was able to increase her weight to a more acceptable number, but was still on the lower end of the curve.

Being that it was the first day of the pediatric rotations, we did not get to do much that would be considered challenging. The most challenging aspect of the day would have been answering the questions our professor asked us. This tested my knowledge of what I could recall about the pediatric stages of development. Whatever I was not able to answer correctly or recall, my professor or classmates were able to inform me about.

In terms of spiritual growth, I was inspired by the story of this young girl. Seeing her made my belief in the Lord's power grow. Knowing that she was born prematurely and was brought into this world already faced with challenges, then still improving even though she was malnourished, then growing to a more acceptable size left an impression on me. Now she seemed healthy and happy, and I pray that this trend of thriving continues for her.

My greatest accomplishment for the week was minor, but it was being able to answer the review questions correctly during our post conference. I sometimes question my own knowledge when asked to recall what I know without time to review, but this time I did well.

This week, my technical skills were not fully tested. If I had to evaluate a skill, I would say I gave a satisfactory performance when operating the equipment, like the crib's lock system or the convertible bed.

This week there was little communication with the clients, family, or staff, but I did have a good amount of communication with my peers. We were asked numerous questions in regard to different aspects of children's development. We had to bounce ideas off of each other to come up with correct answers for our professor. For instance, we were asked what were the vitals of children during different age ranges, we worked as a team to provide the correct answer.

An area I need to improve on personally is my knowledge of the stages of development, I realized I am not familiar with the milestones children must pass as they develop. I also need to become more knowledgeable of the expected range of vitals that correspond with each stage.

This week, the verse that I put get emphasis on was Proverbs 3:5-6. It states, "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." This relates to this week because I sometimes doubt that this is the right path for me, but when I look towards the Lord I am reassured that this is what I was put on this planet to do.