

Welcome Nursing Students to HCMC

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*Nursing students should be prepared for their clinical experience based on the requirements of their program. In addition, here are the minimum expectations that we hold as a clinical site:*

**General Expectations: HCMC is a scent free environment. Please no perfume or strongly scented body products.**

* Our first priority is to provide excellent care for our patients. While hands on learning is most effective, there may be some very busy shifts when nursing students might need to observe and shadow the nurse versus participating in a hands-on manner.
* Students must be available and ready to enter patients’ rooms with the nurse. We do our best to foster learning, but will not have time to search for students prior to providing care.
* Attire should be professional with clothing in good repair. No open toed shoes, cropped pants or shorts, halters, bare midriff, or exercise clothing. Artificial nails may not be worn for infection prevention reasons.

**Shift Preparation**

* Nursing students should arrive prior to the start of the shift, giving themselves enough time to learn their assignment and look up the patient information in the electronic health record. This will include the patient’s problem list, pertinent lab results, MAR, notes, etc. Computers are busy at change of shift so be creative and consider using computers in empty patients’ rooms and in the library.
* Nursing students should be ready to participate in bedside shift report (TOCC) at the start of the shift.
* Nursing students are responsible for understanding the purpose and side effects of medications and the 8 rights of medication safety.

**Shift Expectations**

* In order to maximize time, nursing students should provide their nurse with the following information:
  + What year of nursing school they are in/where they are at in their program.
  + What tasks they plan on doing: vital signs, medications, wound care, transporting to procedures, charting, etc.
  + What tasks they are not allowed to do, such as administering IV Push medications.
* Communication
  + Please be available for bedside shift report.
  + Your nurse and healthcare assistant (HCA) will use Vocera badges to communicate. Due to low supply, student nurses will not use Vocera badges. Instead, their instructor will show them how to contact their nurse or HCA.
  + Keep your patients’ Care Boards up-to-date with date, diet, pain meds, your name, etc.
* Documentation
  + Keep current with your documentation.
  + A Care Plan DARP note is the preferred progress note for nursing. Your instructor will show you this.
  + The flowsheets that need to be documented on each shift include: VS/Infusion/Pain, I&O/Drains, Adult PCS and IV Lines and other pertinent flow sheets.
  + Complete intentional rounds and document appropriately.
  + Documentation of patient education should be completed.