Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital Student Nurse Scope of Practice

Vanderbilt University Medical Center through Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital (VPH) provides an opportunity for clinical rotations during a credited course through nursing schools. Participants will work either in a group rotation with a Clinical Instructor or one-on-one with a VUMC preceptor. Clinical Instructors and Preceptors should give feedback regarding the student's progress and review all nursing tasks during the shift. While under the supervision of a Clinical Instructor or an assigned preceptor, the following is a non-inclusive scope of practice:

May perform under INDIRECT RN supervision*	May perform under DIRECT RN supervision*	Outside Scope of Practice	Documentation
Observe Psycho-educational Groups Observe ECT: *attend if assigned patient is scheduled for treatment **￼*	Assist with Psychosocial daily assessments Assist with admissions Accompany patients to minor procedures or local appointments, such as an x-ray or clinic appt	Phlebotomy Independently provide observation or 1:1 monitoring Point of Care Testing Accompany patients to court	Students & Clinical Instructors will not document in the electronic medical record at VPH
Activities of Daily Living	Enteral tube feeds/flushes	Medication administration	
Skin Care	Foley Catheter • Insertion • Care • Removal	Administer or Cosign blood and/or blood products	
Intake and Output		Cosign narcotic tracking sheets or controlled drug records	
Vital Signs		Obtain or witness consent for surgery, procedures, etc.	

*Students may **ONLY** participate in procedures previously performed in the school of nursing learning, skills or resources lab and must be accompanied by a clinical instructor or staff nurse when they are completing any new skill or one which requires a nursing license

** ECT visits must be coordinated with the ECT Unit manager or staff.