Vanderbilt University Hospital

Student Nurse Clinical Experience – Women's Health Clinical Groups

VUH provides opportunities for clinical rotations during a credited course through school partners.

- Clinical instructors facilitate one student to be paired with a Labor & Delivery [L&D] preceptor, one student to be paired with a Maternal Special Care [MSC] preceptor, and the remaining students to be actively managed on the Mother Baby Obstetrics [MBO] unit.
- Clinical Instructors contact the L&D and MBO Shift Leaders by 0400 the morning of a clinical rotation to determine appropriate MBO patient assignments and L&D/MSC preceptor placements.
- Clinical instructors and preceptors give feedback regarding the student's progress and review all nursing tasks during the shift.

While under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor or an assigned preceptor, the following is a non-inclusive Scope of practice.

Students are given as many opportunities as possible within their scope of practice. During the rotational experience, students must be accompanied by the clinical instructor or preceptor when they are completing any new skill or one which requires a nursing licensed.

Due to the need for additional training, certification, and/or nursing licensure, some skills are outside the student's Scope of Practice.

Scope of Practice:

- Activities of daily living
 - Ambulating
 - Toileting
 - Linen changes
- Administer medications excluding IV push [under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor or preceptor]
- Documentation (limited to their access and cosigned by the clinical instructor or preceptor)
- Foley Catheter [Insertion, Care, Removal]
- Intake and Output
- Adult Phlebotomy
- Prime IV fluids
- Bulb suctioning of infants
- Vital Signs

Outside Scope of Practice:

- Administer or cosign blood and/or blood products
- Administer IV push medications
- Remove medications from the Omnicell ® system
- Cosign or document controlled medications
- Perform Point of Care Testing
- Obtain or witness consent for surgery, procedures, etc.
- Independently administer any type of medications
- Complete independent assessments
- Change infusion pump settings, titrate drips, or manage IVs and infusion pumps without direct supervision
- Be responsible and accountable for tools which require training [Braden skin assessments, medication reconciliation, falls risk assessments, postpartum hemorrhage risk assessments, or admission history]