**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*

- Observe Psycho-educational Groups
  - Observe ECT: *attend if assigned patient is scheduled for treatment **

### May perform under DIRECT RN supervision*

- Assist with Psychosocial daily assessments
- Assist with admissions
- Accompany patients to minor procedures or local appointments, such as an x-ray or clinic appointment

### Outside Scope of Practice

- Phlebotomy
- Independently provide observation or 1:1 monitoring
- Point of Care Testing
- Accompany patients to court

### Documentation

- Students & Clinical Instructors will not document in the electronic medical record at VPH
- Medication administration
- Administer or Cosign blood and/or blood products
- Cosign narcotic tracking sheets or controlled drug records
- Obtain or witness consent for surgery, procedures, etc.

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*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 is closed to students during the COVID pandemic, since N95 masks are currently required