Nursing Student Observation Guidelines

- Observation experiences are optional and up to the discretion of the Unit Educator, Manager and/or Charge Nurse.
- They are coordinated by the nursing instructor unless already scheduled on the Evergreen Clinical Placement Grid.
- Observations are arranged at the beginning of the scheduled clinical experience.
- Observation schedules must be submitted to Karla Bushmaker, Education Department at kjbushmaker@evergreenhealth.com.

ED

- One student from each clinical group may come to the ED on a predetermined schedule in order to observe an RN for a 5 hour time frame. This observation time will coincide with their clinical rotation schedule. Only one observation student can be present in the ED at a given time, requiring coordination between any other clinical groups in the hospital.
- The student’s role will be in an observatory capacity only, with no hands on patient contact. Students will observe and practice hand washing, personal protective equipment and patient privacy policies.
- At the time a clinical rotation schedule is determined, a list of students and schedule may be given to the clinical nurse educator in the ER for approval. Schedule will be determined on a first come first serve basis should multiple clinical groups request the same time. This schedule should be prepared and approved no later than 4 weeks prior to the requested observation days.
- Students should be accompanied by their clinical instructor to the ED charge desk for their scheduled observation time.
- If at anytime during the observation ED staff are unable to accommodate the process, the student will return to their assigned clinical area.

Family Maternity Center

- The student’s role will be in an observatory capacity only, with no hands on patient contact. Students will observe and practice hand washing, personal protective equipment and patient privacy policies.
- At the time a clinical rotation schedule is determined, a list of students and schedule may be given to Karla Bushmaker and Stephanie Fowler Safowler@evergreenhealthcare.org clinical nurse educator. Schedule will be determined on a first come first serve basis should multiple clinical groups request the same time. This schedule should be prepared and approved no later than 4 weeks prior.
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- Students should be accompanied by their clinical instructor to the FMC charge desk for their scheduled observation time.
- If at anytime during the observation FMC staff are unable to accommodate the process, the student will return to their assigned clinical area.

**OR**

- One RN student at a time in the department.
- Preferred start time of observation is 0700.
- Preferably no observations on Fridays since case loads and staffing levels are less conducive to a good learning experience.
- Send requests as early as possible to the CNE for Surgery. OR management and the CNE will accept/decline observation opportunities on a case by case basis. Every effort will be made to grant as many opportunities as possible in a manner that is fair to all applying nursing schools/students.
- Please provide learning objectives for the OR student observation with your observation placement request and share these objectives with your students. We will share the objectives with the charge RN who will give these objectives to the RN assigned to your student that day. Our hope is that providing these learning objectives to all involved will facilitate a meaningful learning experience while the student is with us.