

Nursing Student Precepts

NURSING STUDENT PRACTICE STANDARDS

Drug Administration

1. Students shall apply and demonstrate the principles of Safe Practice Behavior in daily practice.
2. Students shall not be allowed to administer drugs until the preceptor has verified the student's competency with the CMH medication administration record.
3. Students shall verbalize and demonstrate a safe level of knowledge and skill during medication administration; this includes, indication, dosage, side-effects and route. The school will ensure competency of medication administration and knowledge of the proper use of the medication administration record prior to the actual administration of medications at CMH. Medications shall be co-signed by the preceptor in Epic.
4. Students shall verify the correct patient by always checking the patient identification band and checking against the eMAR. (The patient's identification band contains the patient's name and birthdate as does the eMAR).
5. Students shall verify the order and the prepared dose of all parenteral medications with their assigned preceptor. All IV pump settings will be verified by the assigned preceptor.
6. Students shall verify all medications requiring calculations with their assigned preceptor.
7. Students shall verify all new orders for meds they are administering with their assigned preceptor.
8. Blood products shall be hung only under the direct supervision of the Preceptor. Per policy, verification of blood needs to be performed by two licensed employees.
9. Students shall not...
 - Administer any medication until the patient has been identified via their name band and patient information in the eMAR.
 - Administer research protocol medications;
 - Administer chemotherapy medications
 - Administer drugs without medication specific information readily available; ;
 - Be allowed to set up or manipulate PCA/PCEA pumps;
 - Administer any medication without utilizing eMAR.

Documentation

1. Before entering documentation in Epic, students will have a rough draft approved by the Preceptor. The Preceptor may allow the student to document in Epic after competency is demonstrated, however, the documentation still requires a co-signature.
2. Preceptors will review student documentation during or after each clinical session for accuracy, appropriateness and completeness.
3. Preceptors shall co-sign documentation in Epic indicating they have reviewed and agree with the assessment and documentation. If the RN does not agree, the RN needs to document his/her own assessment and/or make an addendum to or edit the electronic documentation.
4. Preceptors shall co-sign student documentation.
5. Students shall document assessments on the appropriate flowsheets as part of a complete assessment. (For example neuro, pain, wound)
6. Admission assessments shall be completed under the direct supervision of their assigned Preceptor.

Safe Patient Care

1. The assigned RN is responsible and accountable for the patient. Therefore, clear communication between the assigned RN and the student must occur to ensure safe patient care. A verbal report will be given by the RN to the student prior to giving care to the patient.

2. A verbal report shall be given to the RN responsible for the patient by the student at the end of the students' clinical shift or if the student leaves the unit for any time period.
3. The student will only perform invasive procedures under the direct supervision of their RN Preceptor.
4. The student will not perform any Point of Care testing.

Students who are CMH employees shall follow the student guidelines during their clinical/precept.

NURSING INSTRUCTOR PRACTICE STANDARDS

1. Instructors shall visit on-site one time per month to observe the student and check in with the students' Preceptor.
2. Contact between the school instructor and CMH Preceptor shall occur according to the school's policy.

Definitions

Precept Students: Precept students are students who are assigned to a nurse for the direction of their clinical. Assignments will be based on level of education, competency and each individual nursing school.

Competency: An individual's demonstrated ability to achieve the expectations stated in CMH performance standards for a specific role and setting.

Supervision: The provision or guidance by a qualified individual for the accomplishment of a task or activity with initial direction of the task or activity and periodic inspection of the actual act of accomplishing the task or activity.

Direct Supervision: Immediate availability to continually coordinate, direct, and inspect at firsthand the practice of another.

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