



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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POLICY

- I. Nursing students are encouraged to use the facilities at CPMC for clinical study. These students must be in an accredited nursing program. The program must have a contract with CPMC prior to the start of the nursing students' practice at the Medical Center. CPMC retains ultimate responsibility for patient care and services.
- II. Each contract will specify the terms under which the nursing student may practice. All students practice under the direction of the school's clinical faculty or CPMC preceptor. Faculty and students are oriented to CPMC and to CPMC policies and processes. CPMC students will complete CPMC orientation modules prior to or at the start of their clinical rotation at CPMC. And will be provided unit orientation.
- III. Nursing students may provide nursing care for patients assigned. The responsibility for patient care remains that of the CPMC RN.
 - A. Nursing students may participate in patient care as indicated/directed by the clinical instructor in agreement with the manager/preceptor. Their unit orientation includes guidelines for safe patient care. Students will:
 1. Attend shift report or receive report from RN charge or RN assigned to patient
 2. Keep staff informed of patient status
 3. Seek direction/validation from staff/instructors
 4. Work within level of education boundaries defined by instructors and school
- IV. The clinical instructor will have methods of validating student competence in performing select skills and assures that the policies are adhered to including but not limited to:
- V. Student Placements
 - A. The school requests CPMC clinical placements for groups of students or for individual students requesting preceptors from the Nurse Recruiter. Groups of students are placed with the instructor into the areas requested as space and resources are available. Individual students are placed with a staff nurse (preceptor) and clinical manager. The school provides a copy of the student's learning objectives to the manager and preceptor. The preceptor will be responsible for orienting the student to CPMC.
 - B. The instructor must meet with the preceptor and the student before or on the first day of the rotation to go over the students learning objectives and the evaluation methods. The instructor must be available by phone to consult with the preceptor any time the student is at CPMC. The preceptor provides the level of supervision that would have been provided by the instructor.
 - C. Identified problems that affect the continuation of the student's rotation must be reported to the Director, Nursing Recruitment.