

**PANOLA COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS FOR ELIZABETH HOBBS MSN/MBA, RN
CLINICAL I (RNSG 1160)**

1. **Pre and Post Conference:** Assignments will be given to students by Mrs. Hobbs. All students are expected participate in postconference discussions that relate patients in the clinical setting to the information being discussed in the lecture courses. Students may be given quizzes in post conference.
2. **Patient Care:**
 - a. You will be doing all care for your patient based on the skills you have been checked off on in skills lab. You may **NOT** delegate ADL's without prior instructor approval.
 - b. **Explain to the nurse and pt. care technician what your responsibilities are for the day. Make it very clear what you will be doing for that patient.**
3. **_Charting:**
 - a. Charting will be done through Evolve for your assigned patient. Charting will be completed after clinical is dismissed and due the following day at midnight. (More explanation will be discussed after the first clinical day)
 - b. Students will be assigned a personal hospital ID which will be used to obtain patient information. **DO NOT USE ANY OTHER CODE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN AND DO NOT SHARE YOUR CODE WITH OTHERS.**
 - c. You will receive patient information on the day of your clinical. This information will be required to be given back to Mrs. Hobbs prior to leaving clinical. If the student fails to return the patient information, this is a HIPAA violation and may result in a demerit. **DO NOT TAKE PICTURES OR MAKE COPIES OF THIS INFORMATION. THIS IS A HIPAA VIOLATION AND WILL RESULT IN A DEMERIT.**
 - d. Remember patient confidentiality and DO NOT discuss any patient in areas other than post conference.
4. **Standard Precautions:**
 - a. You must use standard precautions at all times. Any other isolation guidelines should be clarified by your nurse and clinical instructor.
 - b. Mask mandates are constantly changing and will be discussed as information is given to your clinical instructor.
5. **_Breaks:**
 - a. Take bathroom breaks as needed. **Notify the nurse when you are going to take a break.**
 - b. Stay on the unit and **ask a peer to supervise your patient when you are on break.**
 - c. **DO NOT LEAVE THE FLOOR WITHOUT PERMISSION**
 - d. We will take a 30 minute lunch, You **MAY NOT** leave the facility during this time. You may bring your lunch or there is a small cafeteria in the hospital, you should bring your lunch in long term care. **All of your patient care needs must be taken care of before you go to lunch. You will need to plan your lunch break with Mrs. Hobbs.**
6. **Clinical Absence:**
 - a. **If for ANY reason you arrive to the clinical site late you will be sent home and will incur a clinical absence for the entire day**
 - b. **Notify Mrs. Hobbs if you are going to be absent for any reason. Notify Mrs. Hobbs ONE HOUR before your scheduled clinical time. There are two ways you may notify Mrs. Hobbs and try both ways until you receive a response from me. This must be done a minimum of 1 hour before clinical**
 1. Message Mrs. Hobbs in canvas via email
 2. Message Mrs. Hobbs in GroupMe via private message.
 - c. Please read the policy about clinical absence in the Panola College ADN policy website.

- d. In case of a personal emergency (family member/daycare/school/child) during clinical hours, notify your clinical instructor.
7. **_Cell Phones:**
- a. **YOU ARE NOT TO HAVE YOUR CELL PHONE WITH YOU ON THE UNIT DURING CLINICAL HOURS. LEAVE YOUR CELL PHONE WITH YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN THE DESIGNATED AREA. IF I SEE A CELL PHONE IN USE ON THE UNIT, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY AND THIS WILL COUNT AS A CLINICAL ABSENCE.**
 - b. If you need to make a phone call during clinical hours, you will need to discuss this with your clinical instructor
8. **Personal Items:**
- a. Bring a black pen (retractable), penlight, stethoscope, watch with second hand, small note pad, and drug book with you to every clinical day.
 - b. On the days that you are working on your concept map, bring a copy of the information needed to complete the concept map. There will be no excuse for the information not being obtained during clinical hours.
 - c. We do not have a secure place to keep any valuables in the clinical area. Keep money in your pockets. We do have a designated area we can utilize for pre and post conference, but the door does not lock.
9. **Procedures:**
- a. **Before performing ANY SKILLS/procedures/medication administration, check with Mrs. Hobbs as supervision is required. Failure to seek supervision will result in clinical failure for unsafe practice. YOU MUST CHECK WITH MRS. HOBBS NOT A NURSE ON THE UNIT**
 - b. You may not perform any skills you have not been checked off in skills lab.
10. **Report:**
- a. Attend morning report as per instructions.
 - b. Prior to leaving the unit for post conference, report off to the primary care nurse and the pt. care technician responsible for your patient.
 - c. Be sure to leave your patient safe and comfortable at the end of the clinical day.
11. **General Guidelines:**
- a. Patient safety is a priority. If you have any questions or doubts, ask Mrs. Hobbs. If you are uncertain about vital signs or anything, verify with Mrs. Hobbs.
 - b. KEEP BUSY, BE HONEST. There is always something to do. The only time you should be in the nurses station is to collect patient information from the chart.
 - c. Expect to be quizzed about your patient by Mrs. Hobbs. This means that you should have performed your assessment, looked up any medications, looked up the primary diagnosis, and be knowledgeable of the labs.
 - d. **If you make an error, inform Mrs. Hobbs and the assigned staff nurse immediately. There is NO exception to this. Your integrity and professionalism matters.**
12. **_Uniform/Appearance:**
- a. Wear the full uniform and name badge to clinical.
 - b. No chewing gum, eating, or drinking in the patient care areas
 - c. Remember, you represent Panola College and the nursing profession. Be a positive role model
 - d. **NO SMOKING, VAPING, OR CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN UNIFORM.**
 - e. If you wish to follow your assigned patient to another department (x-ray, surgery, etc), you must obtain approval from Mrs. Hobbs prior to leaving the unit.
 - f. If there are not enough patients on the unit for all students, or if there is a low census, you may be asked to go to another unit to observe.
13. **Parking:**
- a. Park in the designated parking lot.
 - b. At the hospital, we will meet in the main lobby and go to the assigned units together as a group.

I have read the clinical expectations and acknowledge my responsibilities during clinical for Panola College
ADN program, Fall 2024

Signature _____ Date_____