

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
NURSING PROGRAM
NRS240: TRANSITION TO PRACTICE

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR PRECEPTOR

DO

1. Review student's personal goals for the experience and student's skills checklist
2. Plan with the student daily experiences which allow student to expand technical skills and learning experiences
3. Review expectations of student
4. Expect open and direct communication with the student ALWAYS
5. CONTACT THE CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR ANYTIME THERE IS AN ISSUE TO DISCUSS

DO NOT

1. **DO NOT** leave student without backup supervision during your break, lunch or unit meeting
2. **DO NOT** discuss student with your peers or other students
3. **DO NOT** allow student to take a verbal doctor's order
4. **DO NOT** allow student to administer an IV push medication
5. **DO NOT** allow student to hang blood or blood products
6. **DO NOT** allow the student to witness surgical or invasive permits
7. **DO NOT** allow student to pull controlled medications from Pyxus without RN present
8. **DO NOT** allow student to administer chemotherapeutic agents
9. **DO NOT** allow student to titrate intravenous medications
10. **DO NOT** allow student to administer Versed or any other conscious sedation drug

GUIDELINES FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

1. Students must be knowledgeable about medication.
2. Students will use PDA resources to look up medication.
3. If medication information is not available in PDA reference then the student will look up the medication on a reputable on line site or call the pharmacist.
4. Students must follow the six rights of medication administration
5. Students will not pull controlled medications without RN present
6. Students will follow facility policy for recording and wasting narcotics with RN present
7. Students will be checked for competency by instructor or preceptor for administration of IV, IM, SC medications. This includes changing IV bags.
8. When competency has been established student may administer IV's, IVPB's, IM's, SC's with RN supervision.
9. Students may observe the checking and hanging of blood and blood productions
10. Students may observe the administration of IV push medications

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
NURSING PROGRAM
NRS240: TRANSITION TO PRACTICE

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR PRECEPTOR

GUIDELINES FOR MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED:

11. Students will DOUBLE CHECK each dose of heparin, lovenox, digoxin, and insulin with the preceptor before administration
12. Students will check all dosage calculations with preceptor before administering medications
13. Students will check all transcribed medication orders with preceptor before administering the medication
14. Students are expected to communicate any questions about administration of medications with the preceptor

December 2010