

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
NURSING 202
CRITICAL CARE OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE OBJECTIVES
EMERGENCY ROOM

STUDENTS ATTENDING THESE UNITS WILL DO THE FOLLOWING:

The experience will be an observation one with the critical care nurse

FOLLOWING THE OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE THE STUDENT WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. describe the nurse's role in the emergency room unit
2. discuss the stressors and coping mechanisms seen in critically ill patients and family members
3. describe stressors and coping mechanisms seen in emergency room nurses
4. identify the phases of crisis intervention and how they apply to the emergency room clients
5. identify legal and ethical issues faced by health professionals in the emergency room
6. discuss end of life issues seen in the emergency room and its impact on families and health care professionals
7. describe changes in patient assessments who are experiencing critical problems seen in the emergency department
8. analyze the emergency room nurses approach to priority setting for the patients seen in the emergency department
9. participate in the care of a patient in the emergency room
10. participate in the calculation of critical care IV medications
11. identify with the emergency room nurses the various types and function of life support equipment used with patients in the emergency room
12. describe the various roles and responsibilities of the medical team members during a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
13. describe the four broad concepts of emergency nursing care as defined by the Emergency Nurses Association
14. discuss ways the community uses the emergency department
15. define the nurse's role in triage and trauma
16. identify nursing diagnoses for the emergency room client