

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
NURSING 202:  
EVENING STUDENT FALL 2007  
DAY CARE CENTER OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Review of normal growth and development in well children
2. Prepare a developmental summary form to use at the Day Care Center
3. Compare the textbook development with what you have observed in children from infancy through preschool at the Day Care Center
4. Rotate through the six rooms at the Lakeview Day Care Center observing children in each age group
5. Observe the children at play comparing their play with the textbook norms for play

**NAME:** Lakeview Child Center

4 Hamilton Health Place, Hamilton, NJ 08690

**LOCATION:** When facing Robert Wood Johnson at Hamilton go into main entrance of hospital driveway, bear right. Child Center is off to right in building #4

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**DAY CARE ADMINISTRATOR:** Patti Jo Shaffer

**TIME:** arrive at 8:30 AM. Leave at 10:30 AM. **ORGANIZATION:** Divide up into 6 groups, one group for each room. Spend 20 minutes in each of the 6 rooms then rotate. How you divide this up is up to your group

**BEHAVIOR/RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE IN THE CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS:**

- **WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING THE CLASSROOM AND BEFORE CHANGING CLASSROOMS**
- Identify yourself to the children's teacher
- Be seated out of the way of the children's activities
- Remember you are observing. If the children come to you you may interact with them, but do not pick them up or distract them from their activities. If they wish to share a game or toy with you then do so.
- **DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD OR DRINK INTO THE CLASSROOM. DO NOT CHEW GUM**
- **DO NOT BRING ANYTHING TO GIVE TO THE CHILDREN**
- Remember confidentiality. Do not use children's names when filling out your developmental summary form
- Turn off your cell phones when visiting the classroom. No use of cell phones during the experience

**PREPARATION:**

On the development form, complete the form prior to the visit based on the textbook's expected behaviors. If this form is not completed prior to your arrival at the Day Care Center you will receive an unsatisfactory on the evaluation tool. Turn in the form to your clinical instructor for evaluation at the next clinical day.

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*Reviewed 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007*