

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
NURSING 202:

OBJECTIVES FOR CRITICAL CARE OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE AT DEBORAH

STUDENTS ATTENDING DEBORAH 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 critical care unit
2. discuss the stressors and coping mechanisms used by critically ill patients and family members
3. describe stressors and coping mechanisms used by critical care nurses
4. identify the phases of crisis intervention
5. identify legal and ethical issues faced by health professionals in the critical care units
6. discuss end of life issues and its impact on families and health care professionals
7. describe changes in patient assessments who are experiencing multisystem failure
8. analyze the critical care nurses approach to priority setting for the patient with multisystems failure
9. participate in the care of a patient experiencing multisystems failure
10. participate in the calculation of critical care IV medications
11. identify with the critical care nurses the various types and function of life support equipment used with patients experiencing multisystems failure
12. describe the various roles and responsibilities of the medical team members during a cardiopulmonary resuscitation
13. describe the critical care nurse's association role in establishing professional practice guidelines
14. discuss the role of the critical care clinical nurse specialist in the critical care unit
15. identify nursing diagnoses for the critically ill patient

Students will attend during the regularly assigned clinical time splitting the time between SICU and MICU.

Ask the security guard for directions to these units.

Deborah Heart and Lung Center is located in Browns Mills, NJ. Their website is www.deborah.org. Directions come up as soon as you enter the web site.

Cell phones are not to be used in any patient care area of the hospital. Cafeteria is opened from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. There is a coffee Shop that is open Mon-Fri 7-2:30 PM.

The main number is 609-893-6611. If an emergency arises and you are unable to attend you need to call the charge nurse in MICU or SICU and your clinical instructor.

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