

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:

1. The experience will be an observation one with the critical care nurse in MICU and SICU. The time will be split between the two units.
2. Wear your uniform, lab coat and identification badge.
3. When arriving at the hospital ask the security guard for directions to get to MICU and SICU.
4. Identify yourself as a student from MCCC and that you are scheduled to observe in the two units.
5. Arrange time for lunch with the nurse you are assigned to follow.
6. The clinical time is from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.
7. Report on your experience based on the objectives at your next clinical day during postconference.

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

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