

UPSTATE

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

AFFILIATING SCHOOL/COLLEGE OF NURSING

ROLE TRANSITION ORIENTATION GUIDE

Assignments:

Your preceptor will be responsible for selecting an assignment for both of you which is appropriate to your learning needs.

Clinical Expectations for Students:

1. Be present and listen to complete report.
2. Understand and adhere to the guidelines established by the **Student Nurse Role Transition Skills Exclusion List** ([SG A-12](#)).
3. Understand and adhere to the extent of the skills allowed to be performed as established by your instructor in the **Student Nurse Role Transition Skills Checklist** ([SG A-13](#)).
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the physiology involved in the patient's condition and have a prepared plan of care.
5. Read the patient treatment plan prior to giving care to the patients and discuss any questions with the nurse regarding the information.
6. Take vital signs at appropriate times and document appropriately.
7. Complete the patient care flow sheets at each bedside before leaving each clinical day.
8. Document according to the unit specific policy.
7. The first time you perform a procedure at University Hospital, your preceptor should be present to confirm your ability to perform the skill independently. All patient treatments should be discussed with your preceptor, clearly delineating the person responsible for each and every treatment.

8. Negotiate with your preceptor regarding the medications you will be administering. All medications should be administered under the supervision of the preceptor. You are expected to be knowledgeable about all medications that your assigned patients receive (including medication actions and side effects). No medications should be given by the student until he/she has been oriented, by the preceptor, to the Upstate University Hospital medication administration policy.
9. Direct all questions to your preceptor. You may seek out another nurse for clarification, if your preceptor is temporarily unavailable.
10. Communication with your preceptor is very important. You must continuously report to your preceptor any pertinent information including changes in patient condition.
11. In general, you will usually take breaks and lunch with your preceptor. Leaving the floor for any reason must be negotiated with your preceptor. Make certain your preceptor knows where you are going, why and what care needs to be done in your absence. Be certain to let your preceptor know when you return to the unit.
11. Direct any problems you are having related to staff, patients, physicians, etc., to your preceptor who will determine whether or not to involve the person(s) directly or discuss the issue with Nursing Administration.