

Northshore Technical College - Florida Parishes Campus

OVERALL CLINICAL OBJECTIVES

Clinical Objectives For Practical Nursing Per Semester Are:

Medical Surgical Clinical I

The student will perform skills with verbal guidance, demonstrate awareness of correct techniques and demonstrate beginning manual dexterity.

Medical Surgical Clinical II

The student is organized with average degree of manual dexterity, performs skills without verbal guidance, recalls proper procedures and techniques and applies them readily.

Medical Surgical Clinical III

The student is organized with advanced degree of manual dexterity, plans and performs nursing care for individuals and groups of patients (not to exceed six) and accepts responsibility for his/her own competencies.

General Clinical Written Requirements: (To be implemented the first week of clinical.)

1. 1st clinical morning
 - a. Nursing Care Plan due on assigned patient. Incomplete care plans will receive a “0” for that day and the student may be sent home, at the discretion of the instructor, due to lack of preparation.
 - b. Written head-to-toe assessments and nurses notes will be due on all assigned patients daily at a time assigned by instructor.
2. Subsequent clinical days – Updated care plan are due including completed nursing actions and patient outcomes from previous day (last two columns of NCP). Also any suggestions made by instructor will have been addressed in the NCP.
3. Completed Nursing Care Plan is due on the first theory day post clinical rotation.
4. Additional written assignments may be made at the discretion of the individual instructor.

Nursing Care Plan:

1. Three (3) nursing diagnoses must be addressed following the principles of Maslow’s hierarchy of needs.
2. Five (5) interventions for each nursing diagnosis. Each intervention must include rationale.
3. One (1) goal for each nursing diagnosis. Each goal will be measurable with appropriate time frame included.
4. Each aspect of patient care should be included in the care plan, i.e., diet, therapies, procedures, invasive lines, dressing changes, etc.
5. Care plan should reflect the patient in his/her entirety (INDIVIDUALIZED to patient, and not to the medical diagnosis).

CLINICAL DAY GUIDE

- Introduce yourself to nurse and inform her of the patient you will be caring for and what you will be doing for that patient
- Assess Patient
- Review chart and check orders while patient eats
- Pick-up Am tray, chart intake and % eaten on I&O and tidy room
- Prepare medication; gather any necessary supplies
- Administer Medication (Instructor must be present)
(Don't forget to properly identify patient)
- Bath/shower, brush teeth, hair, change linen
- Chart assessment and other care on nurses notes
- If time allows, you may take a 15 minute break
(Inform primary nurse and instructor of your absence)
- Monitor patient, observe for MD rounding and new orders
- Get noon vitals(anytime after 1100) chart on board/graphic prior to 1200
- Assist with Accuchecks
- Assist pt with mouth care and wash hands.
- Pass lunch tray
- Review chart for any current labs, chart any nursing care
- Prepare any noon meds and administer
- Pick-up lunch tray and chart intake and % eaten on I&O
- Take 30 minute lunch when possible/assigned
(Notify primary nurse and instructor of absence)
- Spend time with the patient/review chart for any new orders, etc. Communicate with primary nurse. Chart
- Drain catheters, JP drains, empty urinals/BSC; pick-up and total all I&O, clear IV pumps for next shift. Chart I&O on graphic, if applicable
- Finish up any procedures, wound care, charting, change IV bag if they are low, etc.
- Attend to any patient needs and inform patient you will soon be leaving, thank them for allowing you to assist with their care
- Give a thorough report to primary nurse (include pt. general condition, I&O, last pain medication, wound care and condition of wound, IV fluids TBA, % pt ate at both meals, etc)
- Complete charting
- Gather things and meet for post-conference

**DO NOT PERFORM ANY PROCEDURE OR
ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATION
WITHOUT INFORMING INSTRUCTOR!!!**