

Clinical Observation Opportunities at NBHC

NorthBay Healthcare recognizes the unique needs of the student nurse. As such, we have several clinical observation opportunities during student nurse clinical rotations that are available. Each of the units that are available for observation are listed below with the guidelines for each.

Emergency Department (NBMC, VVH):

1. One student in the observation role per day, Day shift. Hours are limited to 4 hour blocks.
2. Students are limited to the Triage area only.
3. If the hospital is under “Code Capacity” the ED reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled student observation shifts.
4. There will be no observation shifts scheduled from November 15th-March 15th.

Intensive Care Unit (NBMC):

1. One student in the observation role per day, day shift
2. Students will be assigned to work with one nurse or clinical lead. This is an excellent opportunity to observe the nurse in a leadership role.
3. If the hospital is under “Code Capacity” the ICU reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled observation shifts.

OR/PACU (NBMC, VVH):

1. One student in the observation role per day, day shift
2. Students will have an opportunity to follow a patient during their pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative experience.

Outpatient Infusion Center (VVH):

1. Only one student in the observation role per day, day shift.
2. Students will have an opportunity to observe nursing care in the patient receiving infusion therapy in an outpatient setting.
3. As many infusions are teratogenic, students who are pregnant or may soon become pregnant, are not permitted in this observation experience.

Wound Center (VV)

1. Only one student in the observation role per day, day shift. Hours are limited to 4 hour blocks.
2. Students will have an opportunity to observe wound care in the outpatient setting.

Process for submitting requests:

Faculty must submit a student rotation request to Megan Cornwell MSN-Ed, RN (megan.cornwell@northbay.org) three weeks prior to the date of the first shift requested. Faculty must submit a student rotation grid to include the student name (first, last), date requested and hours. Faculty will be notified of approval or denial within two weeks of receiving the request.