

October 2012 – Updates for Nursing Instructors at NCH

I hope everyone is having a successful term. Things started out a little shaky but seemed to have calmed down. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to improve your experience here at Nationwide Children's. ~ Kim Kelly, RN, BSN, CPN

New Faculty Orientation dates have been scheduled through December 2013. The next two dates are October 9th from 1 to 5 pm and November 6th from 1 to 5 pm. To register for the class or view the rest of the dates go to the Schools of Nursing (SON) website.

How do I get to the SON Website you ask? To get to the Schools of Nursing webpage go to nationwidechildrens.org and in the top right hand corner search “nursing student experience”. Choose the result “Nursing Student Experience: Nationwide Children’s Hospital”; **OR** from Anchor go to the Education and Training tab, choose Professional Development, on the left hand side choose #9 – Nursing Student Experience and then click on the “Click Here” link. Either of these steps will take you to the Schools of Nursing webpage where you can get a ton of information.

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a clinical instructor? Several schools are looking for instructors to begin immediately or for Spring Semester which begins in January. For more information follow the above steps from Anchor but choose #10 – Faculty Position Available.

Policy Changes Nursing students are not allowed to perform “Advanced” or “Special” procedures (Student Nurse Scope of Practice Policy, PCS Policy Education 4). The exception was for students in a 1:1 preceptor experience who were allowed to perform CVC dressing changes. With the current initiative to decrease bloodstream infections students are no longer allowed to perform any skills requiring the handling of Central Lines (accessing, dressing changes, etc.). Nursing students can still verify the type of IV solution, observe the dressing, monitor the infusion and record this information hourly in the medical record (IV Fluid Therapy, Attachment B Scope of Practice: Role and Responsibilities).

Multiple students were observed performing appropriate Hand Hygiene during a recent multi-unit survey. **Great Job!** As we get closer to Flu and RSV season please keep reinforcing these practices along with the correct use of PPE when caring for patients on any type of Isolation.

If anyone has not received their Pharmacy Pyxis access badge please contact me. This is one area where we are still ironing out some wrinkles! And as always, thanks for your patience.

