

Jan/Feb 2013 – Updates for Nursing Instructors at NCH

It may be called Spring Semester but it's still a Winter Wonderland out there! Please be safe as you make your way through a variety of hazardous weather conditions. Kim Kelly, RN, BSN, CPN

Clinical requests for 2013-2014 will be available March 1, 2013 to May 1, 2013. Go to www.nationwidechildrens.org, search for and select Nursing Student Experience. Scroll down to and open Undergraduate Experience. Open and complete the first link titled Nursing Student Placement Request Form. Please note: placements are not made on a first come-first served basis, however, if your request is placed after May 1, 2013 it will only be considered after the on-time requests have been placed; we are only able to accommodate students on units during the standard shift times of 7am to 3pm and 3pm to 11pm, no 12 hour clinicals can be scheduled. Pre- and post-conference time can still be done off unit at NCH.

Joint Commission is slated to be in the hospital within the next two weeks. Make sure students are following all Hand Hygiene and Infection Control policies. Make sure students can appropriately answer questions regarding NCH.

Protected Health Information being visible to the public has been reported. Many students use clipboards to organize their information but it can be cumbersome or contra-indicated to take it into a patient's room. Encourage students to keep their paperwork in their pocket if at all possible. If paperwork needs to be left outside of a room please place it in the cupboard above the locked drawer just outside the patient's room in the new hospital. In the older hospital there are fewer options. PHI cannot be left unattended at any time, even if it is placed face down.

Hand Hygiene Audits are being performed every month on any unit and at any time during the day or night. Nursing students are included in these audits and if they are non-compliant the unit they are on gets "dinged". So far nursing students have been doing a fantastic job demonstrating appropriate Hand Hygiene with only a couple incidents of non-compliance. Thank you for helping to keep our little patients as safe as possible!

Observational Experiences must be scheduled through the Observation Book which can be found on the Schools of Nursing website. Please do not send students for observation if they are not already scheduled for it as this is causing confusion and frustration on the units. These observational opportunities are completely voluntary on the part of the areas being observed and they can decide to discontinue their participation at any time. We do not want to lose

these wonderful experiences for our students. If you have questions regarding the Observation Book or find that something has been changed give me a call and I will help you with it.

With the larger units in the new hospital it can be challenging to keep track of students, patients and staff. However, we would ask that you make a concentrated effort to make sure you are visible and available to them as much as possible. This will increase patient safety and student and staff satisfaction.

Undergraduate nursing students seeking a precepted experience must request this through their school. Frequently there are a very limited number of preceptors available. There is a formal process the schools must go through to request precepted positions. We ask that students and individual instructors not independently recruit nurses to precept. This causes a great deal of confusion for everyone involved. If you know of someone who would like to precept a nursing student please give them my contact information – 614-355-0726 or Kimberly.kelly@nationwidechildrens.org, I will be happy to add them to the list and make sure they get an assignment.

Have you been asked about an “internship” or a “work-study” program? NCH is introducing the new Summer Nurse Extern Program. This program will be available to Junior/Senior level nursing students due to graduate from a BSN program within 12 months. They must meet specific GPA requirements and have excellent references. Positions are limited and must be applied for through Human Resources. Details about this program will be posted February 18, 2013 at www.nationwidechildrens.org. Search on Summer Nurse Extern.

Is there somebody at NCH you or your students would like recognize for their contribution to student’s learning experiences, or even your own learning experience? NCH will be rolling out a new Employee Recognition program featuring e-cards. It will begin on March 4, 2013 and will be available on ANCHOR or at www.nationwidechildrens.org. When you send an e-card to an employee they will receive it immediately and their manager will also get a copy.