

Vanderbilt University Hospital

Student Nurse Clinical Experience

VUH provides an opportunity for clinical rotations during a credited course through nursing schools. Clinical Instructors and Preceptors should give feedback regarding the student’s progress and review all nursing tasks during the shift. While under the direct supervision of a Clinical Instructor or an assigned preceptor, the following is a non-inclusive Scope of Practice:

Scope of Practice:	Outside Scope of Practice:
<p>Students should be given as many opportunities as possible within their scope of practice. During the rotational experience, students must be accompanied by the Clinical Instructor or Preceptor when they are completing any new skill or one which requires a nursing license.</p>	<p>Due to the need for additional training, certification, and/or nursing licensure the following items are outside the student nurse’s Scope of Practice; therefore the student should not:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities of daily living • Administer Medications-Excluding IV push (under the direct supervision of a Clinical Instructor or Preceptor) • Documentation (limited to their access and co-signed by the Clinical Instructor or preceptor) • Identify evidence-based interventions to prevent hospital-acquired infections and conditions with Clinical Instructor and Patients’ Primary Staff Nurse • Foley Catheter (Insertion, Care, Removal) • Intake and Output • Phlebotomy • Prime IV fluids • Skin Care • NG tube insertion • Suctioning • Vital Signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer or Cosign blood and/or blood products • Administer IV push medications • Remove medications from the Omnicell system • Changing central line dressings • Removal of central lines • Cosign narcotic tracking sheets or controlled drug records • Management of lumbar drains and EVDs • Perform Point of Care Testing • Obtain or witness consent for surgery, procedures, etc. • Independently administer medications of any type • Complete independent assessments • Change infusion pump settings, titrate drips or manage IVs and infusion pumps without direct supervision. • Be responsible and accountable for assessments, Braden skin assessments, Medication reconciliation, Falls Risk assessments, or Admission history