

Vanderbilt University Hospital

Student Nurse Clinical Experience

Vanderbilt University Hospital provides an opportunity for clinical rotations during a credited course through nursing schools. Participants will work one-on-one with a VUMC preceptor. Preceptors should give feedback on the student's progress and review all shift-related nursing tasks. While under the direct supervision of 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 (group placements) or preceptor (practicum placements), allowing for direct supervision when completing any new skill or one requiring a nursing license.</p>	<p>The following items are outside the scope of the student nurse or nursing instructor due to the need for additional training, certification, and/or nursing licensure.</p>
<p>Can be performed under the indirect supervision of an RN [once deemed competent]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities of Daily Living• Documentation [co-signed by preceptor or clinical instructor]• Intake and Output• Skin Care• Vital Signs <p>Must be performed under the direct supervision of an RN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer medications [excluding controlled substances]• Foley catheter insertion, care, removal• NG/NJ tube insertion• Enteral Tube Feeds/Flushes• Phlebotomy• Accessing peripheral or central lines• Prime IV fluids• Suctioning	<p>Outside of the Scope of Practice for Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing central line dressings• Removal of central lines• Administer IV push medications• Remove medications from the Omnicell® system• Independently administer medications• Complete independent assessments• Change infusion pump settings, titrate drips or manage IVs and infusion pumps without direct supervision. <p>Outside of the Scope of Practice for Students & Instructors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer or cosign blood and/or blood products• Administer controlled substances or cosign controlled substance tracking records• Perform Point of Care testing• Obtain or witness consent for surgery, procedures, etc.• Be responsible and accountable for Braden skin assessments, Medication reconciliation, Falls Risk assessments, or Admission history