

Surgical Services Education

Surgical Services Nursing Student Observations

Nursing students are welcome to observe in Surgical Services. A synopsis of our policy for Student Observations in Surgical Services outlines the responsibilities of the various individuals.

Planning for Observations:

Faculty members are encouraged to contact the appropriate Nurse Educator for observation opportunities at the **beginning of the semester**. A Request for Student Observations sheet must be faxed to the appropriate Nurse Educator at 248-551-0241.

If applicable, it is the responsibility of faculty to obtain permission from parents for pediatric observations. Observations are subject to clinical availability.

<i>Nurse Educator</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Specialty Areas</i>
<i>Perianesthesia</i>		
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Surgical Attire:

Scrub suit dispensing machines have been installed in the Operating Rooms. When students come to the OR to observe, the Nurse Educators will be procuring a pair of scrubs for the student using their (NE) ID#. The NE will be explaining to the student that they are “simply borrowing the scrubs from the NE” and that they must be returned to the NE so they can be placed in the “dirty” machine and the NE will receive credit – otherwise the NE may not be able to get her own scrubs the next day.

Please remind your students who are observing in the OR that the dirty scrubs must be returned to the appropriate NE at the end of the observation.

Students are to be reminded that appropriate closed-toe shoes and socks/stockings must be worn. Hair and beards must be completely covered by the blue bouffant head cover – surgeon skullcaps should not be worn. Jewelry should be kept to a minimum and all earrings must be covered by the bouffant head cover. If the student leaves the Operating Rooms to go for a break with the expectation of returning to the OR, a clean buttoned-up lab coat should be worn. Shoe covers and masks must be removed when leaving the department.

Student Preparation for the Observation:

Students should eat a good breakfast before observing in Surgical Services. If at any time the student feels dizzy, nauseous or ill in any way, they are to step away from the sterile field, inform the circulating nurse and leave the OR suite. They must not remove their mask until they are out of the OR room in order to maintain the sterile field.

Students with pre-existing medical conditions (e.g. diabetes, seizure disorders) should inform the Nurse Educator before placement in the event of an untoward reaction.

Students will be expected to come with their learning objectives and be prepared for the observation. Valuables are not to be brought to Surgical Services, as locker space is not available. Backpacks, books, papers, etc are not to be brought into the Operating Rooms. A small notebook and pen may be brought into the OR.

All patient information is confidential and students are expected to adhere to the HIPAA regulations.

If students demonstrate a lack of interest during the observation, the instructor will be notified and the student will return to their clinical group and instructor.

Nursing students must NOT enter the sterile field, scrub in, hold retractors, or participate in any activities in the sterile field. They are in the Operating Rooms for observation only.

We look forward to your students!

7/10/23

Guidelines for Student Observation in Surgical Services

Your Instructor has arranged for you to observe in Surgical Services on_____.

- Be sure to eat a well-balanced breakfast or lunch on the day of your Observation
- Wear your Identification badge at all times
- Change clothes in the locker room (*lockers are not provided*)
- You will be provided with hospital-issued scrub pants and top, shoe covers, head cover and mask. Lab coats are not acceptable in the OR (clean warm up jackets only)
- Return the scrub pants and top directly to the Nurse Educator at the end of your observation
- Be sure that all hair and jewelry are covered with the head cover
- *Do not bring any valuables with you*
- You may bring a small notebook and pen with you – *Confidentiality must be maintained – no cameras, cell phones, voice recorders, video recorders*
- Bring your learning objectives with you for discussion with the Nurse Educator and Circulating Nurse
- Please report to Starbuck's in the South Tower Concourse at 0700h. If the student is not at the meeting location by 0705h the observation will be canceled
- Observations will include following one (1) patient (selected by the Nurse Educators) through the pre-operative, intraoperative and postoperative phases
- **You may not provide any direct patient care in any of the areas**
- You will receive directions from the Circulating Nurse as to where to stand in the operating room. Remember to stay well away from the sterile field
- **You must NOT enter the sterile field, scrub in, hold retractors or participate in any activities within the sterile field – you are only to observe**
- If you have a pre-existing medication condition, please inform the Nurse Educator in the event of an untoward reaction
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- If you should feel ill or light-headed, notify the Circulating Nurse and leave the room, or sit down on the floor – do not remove your mask while in the room
- Shoe covers and masks must be removed when leaving the department

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Request for Student Observations in Surgical Services

School: _____

Course Title: _____

Faculty: _____

Phone Number: Work: _____ *Home:* _____ *Pager:* _____

Date Submitted: _____

Learning Objectives for Observations in Surgical Services

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Date Requested</i>

Observation opportunities must be requested at the beginning of the semester. Observations are subject to clinical availability.

Fax: 248-551-0241