

**Beaumont Hospital – Troy  
Surgical Services Education Experience**

**Operating Room Nursing Student Observation(s)**

Nursing students are welcome to observe in the Operating Rooms (OR). The Guidelines for Student Observations in the OR is outlined below:

**Planning for Observations:**

Faculty members are encouraged to contact the appropriate Nurse Clinician for observation opportunities at the Beginning of the Semester. A Request for Student Observations sheet must be faxed to the appropriate Nurse Clinician at 248-964-8466.

Observations are subject to clinical availability. Once the assignment sheet is completed it should be faxed to the appropriate Nurse Clinician at 248-964-8466, and a copy of the guideline should be given to each student prior to their assigned day. If applicable, it is the responsibility of faculty to obtain permission from parents for pediatric observations.

<b>Nurse Clinician</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Pager</b>
Linda Guilbault-Longo	248-964-4188	248-995-1437

**Surgical Attire:**

Scrub suit dispensing machines have been installed in the Operating Rooms. When students come to the OR to observe, the Nurse Clinicians will be procuring a pair of scrubs for the student using their (NC) ID#. The NC will be explaining to the student that they are “simply borrowing the scrubs from the NC” and that they must be returned to the NC so they can be placed in the “dirty” machine and the NC will receive credit – otherwise the NC 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 NC 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**

Updated: March 2014

The “Scrub” dispensing machines (Pyxis) are in the Operating Rooms. When students go to the OR to observe, the Nurse Clinician (NC) will be providing a pair of scrubs to the student. Please have the student report to the Professional Office Building Suite 115 the morning of their observation day. The NC will explain to the student that they are “simply borrowing the scrubs” and that they **MUST** be returned to the NC so that they can be placed in the “dirty” machine and the NC will receive credit – otherwise the NC 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 Nurse Clinician at the end of the observation.

Students are to be reminded that appropriate closed-toed shoes and socks/stockings must be worn. Hair 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 Room to go for a break with the exception 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.

Students should eat a good breakfast before observing in the OR and are requested to bring a snack to have during morning break. If at any time the student feels dizzy, nausea, or ill in any way, they are to step away from the sterile field and inform the circulating nurse. They should **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 Clinician 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 a student demonstrates a lack of interest during the observation, the instructor will be notified and the student will return to his/her 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!

## Guidelines for Student Observation in the Operating Room(s)

Your Instructor has arranged for you to observe in the Operating Room(s) on

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- Be sure to eat a well balanced breakfast or lunch on the day of your OR observation and bring a snack to eat during the morning break.
- Wear your Student Identification badge at all times.
- You will be provided with a hospital-issued pair of scrubs, shoe covers, head cover, and mask. Lab coats are **not** acceptable in the OR (clean warm-up jackets only).
- Change your clothes in the locker room (lockers are not provided)
- At the end of your observation please return the scrubs to the Nurse Clinician.
- Be sure that all hair and jewelry are covered with the head cover.
- You may bring a small notebook and pen with you – *Confidentiality must be maintained.*
- Bring your learning objectives with you for discussion with the Nurse Clinician and Circulating Nurse.
- You will receive directions from the Circulating Nurse as to where to stand in the room. Remember to stay the requested distance from the sterile field.
- If you should feel ill or light-headed, step away and notify the Circulating Nurse – **DO NOT** remove your mask while in the operating room.
- The shoe covers and masks must be removed when leaving the department.

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**Request for Student Observation(s) in the Operating Rooms**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Learning Objectives for Observations in the Operating Rooms:**

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<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Date/Time Requested</b>	<b>Surgery/Service Requested</b>

**Fax completed form to (248) 964-8466**

**For any questions please call: Linda Longo (248) 964-4188**