

## Clinical Instructor Expectations MercyOne Genesis Health Systems

Welcome to MercyOne Genesis Health Systems! We are committed to providing you and your students with comprehensive clinical experience!

### **Before Clinicals Begin:**

The instructor is responsible for becoming oriented to the assigned clinical department before their first day of clinicals with students. Contact the department educator to set up this orientation to students in the same manner at the beginning of the first clinical day. During a unit tour please make note of the following:

- Unit Leaders
- Tour of the unit
- Staffing ratios and guidelines
- Location of student assignment
- Med rooms
- Clean supply rooms, linen rooms and soiled utility rooms

An orientation to our electronic documentation may be required if the instructor is unfamiliar with charting in the current Electronic Health Record (EHR).

If students have IT issues, the clinical faculty should contact the IT help desk at 563-421-4357.

### **During Clinicals**

Instructors and students are expected to participate in the safety huddle and bedside report at the start of each clinical day. Clinical instructors must provide active supervision, support, and guidance to students throughout the entire clinical experience.

Instructors are required to remain present and readily available to students at all times while on the unit. Students are responsible for notifying their instructor of learning opportunities involving nursing interventions, for which instructor supervision is encouraged and expected.

Clinical instructors are responsible for assigning patients to students based on learning objectives and patient care needs.

### **The Instructor Responsibilities**

- Role modeling professional behavior and standards of nursing.
- Checking in with the charge nurse at the start and end of each shift. They can provide guidance on patients that may not be appropriate to assign to student nurses.
- Ensuring student competence to perform nursing interventions prior to entering the patient's room.
- Observing, teaching and assisting students with their patient's head to toe assessment.
- Direct supervision of all student medication administration.
- Ensuring that students are performing assessments, activities of daily living, obtaining vital signs, answering call lights, documenting their findings and communicating with their patient's primary nurse throughout the shift.
- Minimizing the time students congregate in waiting rooms, end of unit hallway, nurse's stations or on their phone.
- **Reviewing student's documentation and confirming accuracy.**
- Clinical Instructor should be reachable on the unit.