

Spokane Community College

Paramedic Program

Clinical Experience: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Objectives:

The purpose of the NICU clinical rotation is to familiarize the student with the procedure and care of newborns that require above normal levels of care following their birth. This may include long-term ventilatory assistance, IV fluid and medication administration and the care involved in progressing these newborns to a stage where they have the ability to continue life without the assistance of acute intervention.

Preceptor's Role:

Due to the intense working environment of the NICU, and the high demands put upon the nursing personnel, it is understood that the preceptor will provide verbal feedback to the student as time and circumstances allows. The preceptor is not requested to allow the student to participate in any way with direct patient care.

Student Activities:

The student's role in this rotation is **ONLY OBSERVATION**. There are no skills requirements; however, the student is encouraged to ask questions about procedures, care and progression of the patient's.

The only requirement for the student is to complete one patient care report. Choose a patient that you observed during your clinical rotation and document the medical condition, care, treatment, and prognosis for the patient. Remember to use patient ID numbers, not patient names.

Note: Students are scheduled to participate in this unit for a period of 12 hours.