

Differentiated Practice in Action: The Fitzgibbon Hospital Experience

WELCOME!

September 25-27; October 9-11; November 20-22

Welcome to an exciting two-day experience at Fitzgibbon Hospital. During this time you will be working in the clinical setting and interacting with the staff, particularly the nurses.

While you will be providing patient care, your focus will be primarily on the nurse-managed and differentiated practice structure of this facility.

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I. Objectives

1. Describe the components of the differentiated practice model, including shared governance, accountability, autonomy and nurse role.
1. Identify and evaluate the roles of the various health care team members, including yours.
2. Identify and describe the collaborative work of the team members, including performance of nursing responsibilities, patient and staff education and communication techniques.

Students enrolled in Behavioral Health at MU:

1. Interact with clients on the behavioral unit.
2. Assist the interdisciplinary team with care/therapies of clients on the behavioral unit.
3. Participate in discharge planning process for the behavioral client.

II. Expectations

Students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior at all times, including punctuality and courtesy.

This is a new project, and students who participate will need to be flexible and willing to learn in a new setting. Developing intellectual curiosity, asking questions and actively participating in discussion will be a major part of this clinical experience.

The schedule will be quite full, and will include an evening “jam” session on Thursday with Fitzgibbon Hospital Staff.

As usual, confidentiality about clients is to be maintained at all times.

III. Dress

Students should wear lab coats with school name tags and street clothes. Slacks are acceptable, but no stretch stirrup pants, jeans, overalls, etc. Wear comfortable shoes (you may wear duty shoes). No crop tops, halter tops or sleeveless shirts. Jewelry must be minimal, including one or two simple rings, a simple necklace, small earring posts or ½’ (or less) hoops. No other pierced jewelry is to be visible.

For our evening leisure time, bring informal clothes and a swimming suit. Also bring personal toilet articles, a notebook and pen.

IV. Accommodations

Plan to arrive by 7 PM on Wednesday evening.

Driving arrangements will be made shortly before the clinical dates.

We are staying at the Comfort Inn in Marshall MO

660-886-8080

<http://www1.choicehotels.com/ires/en-US/html/Search>

You will be sharing a room.

The motel has a continental breakfast each morning. We will eat the noon meal at the hospital, then eat out in Marshall in the evening.

V. Evaluation

As required by the grant, and following completion of the clinical experience, students will be submitting a 1-2 page evaluation of the experience to project faculty. This is separate from the clinical/class assignments you have relating to the project.

Respond to the following:

1. What you learned about nursing teams, collaboration and the components of the differentiated practice model of nursing.

2. General comments about the experience, including working with students from another school, working with Fitzgibbon staff, and the clinical instructor e.g. Did this change my view of nursing? Did it raise new questions to me about my education and the profession?
3. Your general overall impression of the experience.
4. Accommodations, food, evening activities.
5. Suggestions for the future.

THANK YOU!

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Susan Devaney, project faculty (573 882-0269), Alice F. Kuehn, principal investigator (573-882-0269), or Ruth Jones, project co-investigator (660 263-4110).

Students Enroll in N173 Mental Health Nursing At MU

You will be presenting information about your Fitzgibbon Hospital Experience at a clinical conference during the mental health course.

Objectives:

1. Describe the clinical aspects of the experience, including your patient interactions and the care of clients on the behavioral unit.
2. Describe the role of the health care team in delivery of care to clients.

Students Enrolled in N184 Nursing Issues/ Leadership and Management at MU

See your syllabus for additional assignments related to this experience.