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My first objective was to demonstrate individual professionalism through personal behaviors and appearance.

One of the most important aspects professionalism is maintaining client confidentiality by avoiding HIPPA violation. My main goal in this clinical was learning new things and reinforcing old concepts. It is our responsibility to get involved in patient care during our clinical hours by observing patient – staff interaction. The best way to prepare for clinical learning is by asking questions. Our main duty is to complete assignments within a designated time frame. This is best done by seeking guidance appropriately.

Another opportunity to learn from the staff in this clinical was done by participating actively in clinical conferences. In Greenpoint every Wednesday they have a meeting from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock. The importance of the punctuality was presented to us by our clinical professor before we were assigned to a particular clinic. Our clinical hours start at 8:30 AM and end at 12:40 PM. We were required to dresses professionally: white top and black pants or skirt.

The second objective was to employ analytical reasoning and critical thinking skills when providing care to individuals and families in the community setting.

In order to accomplish this objective I used client interviews and medical records. I also got help from staff nurses and other health professionals to collect client information. During the interview, I assessed the impact of developmental, emotional, cultural, religious and spiritual influences on the client's health status. Also, I collected significant data relevant to client's self-care needs. I completed a physical assessment of assigned clients. Care was prioritized based on analysis of data. I applied priority-setting in planning nursing interventions. I implemented safe, appropriate nursing interventions in a timely manner. Although as a licensed registered nurse, I can safely administer medications, no treatments or medications were required to be administered by us as BS nursing students. Another important step to be followed during my clinical was to evaluate the outcomes of nursing care by being reflective about practice. Finally, I had to modify client care as indicated by evaluation of client outcomes, by providing personalized care to my patients. It was essential to utilize principles of personal safety when working in the community setting.

My third objective consisted of communicating effectively with diverse groups and disciplines using a variety of strategies regarding the health needs of individuals and families in the community setting.

This objective could be accomplished by utilizing therapeutic communication skills with individuals and families in the community setting. Using appropriate channels of communication was also very important. It is essential to communicate clearly and effectively not only to the patients, but also with my instructor, peers, and the health care team. Significant data had to be reported to instructor and the health care team. During the communication process, the

developmental needs of the client had to be considered. I had to use communication skills to adapt my vocabulary to the cognitive level of the patient. Finally, I had to report and document assessments and nursing interventions accurately.

Objective number four consisted of establishing an environment conducive to learning and use a plan for learners based on evidence-based practice.

In order to complete this objective I had to develop and implement a teaching plan for an adult in the community setting. Also, an environment conducive to learning had to be established. The client learning outcomes was evaluated in the end. I was assigned to give an educational teaching session on diabetes mellitus to a patient who comes frequently to this clinic.

Our fifth objective was to utilize informational technology when managing individual and families in the community.

Utilizing principles of nursing informatics in the clinical area consisted of using the Quadramed, a computer system specific to HHC. We were required to maintain strict confidentiality with client records. The computers from Greenpoint Community Health Center are endowed with screen protectors that impede the person next to the computer user see the information on the screen.

Our sixth objective was to demonstrate a commitment to professional development.

In the clinic where I was assigned, I was able to use appropriate current literature in planning care for clients in the community setting. I assumed responsibility for lifelong learning and I was engaged in self-evaluation. I was committed to adjusting to the challenges of independent practice in community health nursing.

Objective number seven consisted of incorporating professional nursing standards and accountability into practice.

During our clinical hours we were required to utilize American Nurses Association Standards in clinical practice. We had to comply with agency standards of practice as we were accountable for actions in the clinical area. We were fully aware of the assigned clinic's mission.

Objective number eight was collaborate with clients, significant support persons and members of the health care team.

Whenever I was assigned a patient, I collaborated effectively with health care team to address client problems. The staff nurses coordinated client-care based on client needs and therapeutic interventions. It was also the nurse's task to guide clients and their families to make appropriate lifestyle and treatment choices.

The social worker's responsibility was to identify health care resources for her clients and their families. She also assisted clients to make connections to other community agencies.

Objective number nine was to recognize the impact of economic, political, social and demographic forces that affect the delivery of health care services.

This goal could be achieved by recognizing gaps in care system. The very first step was to begin to identify solutions to complex problems in the Clinical area. Another important phase of this goal was acting as change agent in advocating to appropriate health care resources for clients and their families.