

PACU NURSES SUPPORT SHOOTING STARS

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Background Information Related to Problem Identification:

1. Nurses busy may not see the value of precepting student nurses
2. School of nursing typically looks for in-patient clinical settings
3. Students:
 - a. Graduate lacking practical skills
 - b. Experience lateral violence
 - c. Model learned behavior
 - d. Do not feel valued

Objectives of Project:

1. Students:
 - a. Goal to be functioning as novice nurse
 - b. Ready to face challenges with solid clinical knowledge
 - c. Feel appreciated and respected
 - d. Treated like colleagues
 - e. Will successfully pass NCLEX Exam
2. PACU partners with School of Nursing to enhance nursing education

Process of implementation:

1. School of Nursing approach PACU for clinical placement
2. PACU Educators solicited preceptors, created schedule, student orientation, provided continual follow up
3. Program implemented
 - a. PACU clinical rotation 15 weeks
 - b. Includes traditional nursing students & second career nursing students
 - c. Student follows preceptor's schedule

Statement for successful practice:

1. PACU is an excellent setting for clinical practicum
 - a. Students gain hands-on experience
 - b. Diverse patient populations
 - c. Structured guidelines
 - d. Positive preceptors and positive environment
2. Supportive perianesthesia nurse educators
3. Supportive School of Nursing Clinical Instructors
4. Precepting students help to reinforce RN knowledge base.
5. Reinforces compassion toward giving and receiving

Implications perianesthesia nursing

1. The University of Michigan proudly impacts practice of nursing
2. PACU nurses gain self-awareness of their role in nursing education
3. Enhancement of caring and sharing principles of nursing
4. Enhancement of school of nursing clinical practicum