

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Objectives: The student will:

1. Demonstrate professional behavior and communication skills while interacting with facility staff, clients, and other members of the outpatient health care environment.
2. Complete Community Experience Documentation and hand-in to instructor.
3. Evaluate the community setting from the perspective of a Registered Nurse.
4. Analyze the progression through the health care system, from inpatient to outpatient or outpatient to inpatient, through observations in community outpatient facilities.

Student responsibilities:

- A. Determine requirements of agency regarding immunizations, CPR, etc. Request copies from school office as needed.
- B. Professional and ethical behavior is expected at all times.
- C. Carry WCU identification card and wear student name tag at all times during clinical activities.
- D. Wear appropriate clothing. No jeans or leggings allowed. It is preferred that the clinical uniform be worn. The blue uniform top with black pants is also acceptable. Refer to dress code in student handbook.
- E. Punctuality is an expectation. If you are ill on a community experience day, contact the agency in the early morning.
- F. Avoid basements, secluded stairwells, and elevators, and other secluded areas.
- G. Any situation provoking anxiety or infringing on the safety of the student shall be brought to the attention of the instructor without delay.
- H. A lab coat may be needed in the actual clinics; use WCU lab coat.
- I. Students are NOT to transport clients for any reason. This includes turning clients or "pulling up" clients in bed.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE REPORT

Paper is to be typewritten, double spaced, and written using American Psychological Association (APA) manual guidelines.

Content must include the following:

Name of the organization:

Purpose of the organization:

Population served (type of patient and disease(s) served):

Geographical/environmental issues (describe the facility, physical layout, accessibility, transportation issues if any):

Professional services available in this setting:

Social issues in the lives of the population:

How does the organization communicate internally and with the larger community:
What programs or facilities would you add to better serve this population: