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Nursing and Social Work
Emergency Room Trauma Simulation Lab

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- This experience provided me an opportunity to utilize the skills I have learned over the past years in a challenging simulation. It was a great experience to work with the nursing department to gain more insight into the skills and duties related to their field. As did the first simulation lab, I further feel I would enjoy working in an emergency department setting. The environment provides a great challenge, there is a high level of energy, and a level of stress in which I am fairly comfortable in and work well in. I feel this was a great experience, and working with four patients was a nice addition.
Another benefit of this experience was seeing how I was under pressure. Besides doing an internship, there really is no time during our program to actually be thrown into field and see if we sink or swim. This opportunity gave me a clearer picture about how I actually was as a social worker with little help. Being able to negotiate an unknown area was extremely beneficial and I will treasure forever.
• I was amazed at how “real” the sights and sounds were, though I did not notice this until the huddle when the noises were shut off and we had a few minutes of quiet. Having the providers from different disciplines working together really gave the participant (at least in my mind) a sense that this was the same as an actual ER under similar conditions. I was also impressed with the professionalism and sense of teamwork and cooperation the nursing students displayed. I felt proud to be a part of their team.
• I learn more from demonstration and doing than from all other forms of learning. This lab was a powerful experience for me. The only other place that I have experienced this type of learning is in the military where classroom lecture, demonstration, and practical application are often combined for a holistic learning experience. I really got lost in the experience and didn’t want it to end. When the lab was over, I felt as if there was so much more to do. A part of me wanted to keep going.
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