

Nursing Student Frequently Asked Questions

What nursing care activities may a nursing student perform *independently*?

NONE. All nursing care activities performed by students are to be done under the supervision of the clinical faculty. Immersion students partnered with an HFH RN that do not always have faculty on site will perform all patient care activities only under direct supervision from the HFH clinical RN.

What *vascular access* care activities MAY a nursing student perform with direct supervision, as stipulated above?

- Change IV tubing
- Maintain IV line
- Maintain IV needle site
- Flush peripheral/central lines

What nursing care activities MAY NOT be performed by students?

- Administer IV push drugs with the exception of Normal Saline
- Administer chemotherapy
- Administer blood/blood products
- Accept verbal and or telephone orders
- Hang blood or blood products
- Witness consents
- Titrate drips
- Adjust or discontinue alarms on monitors
- Intervene with Pacemakers
- Intervene with Balloon pump
- Intervene with an LVAD
- Intervene with a ventriculostomy
- Intervene with a fetal monitor
- Venipuncture
- ECG
- Respiratory Treatments
- Remove a PICC or other central line

Can a nursing student administer medications?

Only under direct supervision where:

- Medications must be double checked by the RN Faculty prior to administration, including order confirmation and co-signed by the RN Faculty at the time of administration. If the instructor is unable to observe the student, the patient's Clinical RN will administer the medication.
- The student will demonstrate consistent review of the seven rights of medication administration (Right patient, Right Medication, Right Dose, Right Time, Right Route, Right Documentation, Right Response). Checking "right patient" will include using two unique patient identifiers to verify patient identity before medication administration.
- Under the observation/direction of the clinical instructor, the student will administer the medication to the patient.
- If the student is in an immersion course where they are partnered with a Clinical RN for the course, the Clinical RN will double check medications prior to administration and co-sign all medications at the time of administration.