

## Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing

### Simulated Clinical Experience Roles

#### **Assessment Nurse /RN**

You are responsible for continually assessing the patient, prioritizing interventions, and collaborating with the treatment and/or medication nurse, and the documentation nurse. Your assessments are verbalized to the documentation nurse who then transcribes them onto the “brain.” Additionally, you are responsible for assisting the patient and/or family members in understanding the diagnosis and related interventions, answering questions, providing information, and allaying any fears that the patient and/or family member may have. You are in charge.

#### **Medication Nurse**

You are responsible for preparing and administering PO, IM, SQ, and IVPB medications and administering O2 therapy. Prior to administering medications, you must confer with the clinical instructor (or the charge nurse) to agree on the appropriateness of administering the medication, the correct dosage and route of administration, potential side effects, and any contraindications. You are to collaborate with the clinical instructor (or the charge nurse) with any problems associated with medication administration. Additionally, you are responsible for documenting your findings and medication administration. Collaborating with the assessment and treatment nurse are important aspects of this role.

#### **Treatment Nurse**

You are responsible for treatments such as vital signs, Foley catheter and NG tube insertion and maintenance, monitoring IV fluids, completing dressing changes, etc. and documenting the treatments. Additionally, you are responsible for collaborating with the assessment and/or medication nurse. Your treatments are verbalized to the documentation nurse who then transcribes them onto the “brain.”

#### **Documentation Nurse**

You are responsible for charting the findings of the assessment nurse on the “brain” and for collaborating with the assessment, medication and treatment nurses. This includes information from the beginning of the shift report, findings of the assessment nurse (including significant changes in the patient’s status), and the results of any lab work and/or diagnostic studies.

#### **Observer**

Your role is to observe the dynamics of the team and to take notes regarding the role and responsibilities of each team member. Issues of patient safety, communication, HIPPA, patient teaching, skill mastery, timeliness of interventions, etc. should be recorded. You are not an active participant in the scenario, and as such, should not communicate directly with any member of the health care team. You will share your observations with the team during debrief.