



Weekly Field Placement Journal

Name: Daniel J. Varela **Hours worked this week:** 8

Week of: October 10, 2018 **Total hours this semester:** 81.5 Grade: 8

Please include the following when journaling:

1. Using the journal rubric on eclass, describe *learning activities/experiences* for this past week. Specify the date and time of your required supervision as well as what you did for self care. (Please start at the beginning of the week and describe events chronologically covering each day. Quantity of the description should match total hours accrued. See journal example on eclass.)

On October 10, 2018 Ellen was the only social worker on duty on the Pediatrics, NICU, and PICU floors of the hospital. We were also scheduled to meet with CPS and a Doctor concerning a mother who had suspicious behavior indicating possible child neglect. My supervisor Ellen had me search for home-bound slip for a patient who needed legal permission to not attend school physically. I learned that a home-bound program is different than home schooling. Home-bound is a program through Hamilton County to allow students to miss school. While on the PEDS floor, Ellen spoke with the charge nurse Amy and Dr. Nelson concerning three different patients who were possibly going to be involved with CPS. Dr. Webster elaborated on one of the patients who was diabetic and due to lack of supervision may not have been taking precise amount of required insulin. Parents of the patient were split which may explain the child's lack of supervision. Social worker Ellen would have to ensure parents navigate proper coordination times to provide and navigate proper care for the child. While attending the meeting with CPS, the doctor, medical social worker, psychologist, CPS supervisor and patients mother were present. I learned that there are various perspectives that need to be taken into consideration when searching for the needs that would better assist the mother in providing the child with adequate care. While the mother was out of the room the doctor and CPS supervisor discussed their concern with mother's previous record with experiencing homelessness while having other children under the age of 4, one of which has autism which requires additional assistance. During supervision Ellen and I talked about the mid-term learning plan and issues with insurance and patient needs. I did an hour of self-care by working out at the Hulsey Wellness Center.