

Weekly Field Placement Journal

Name: Daniel J. Varela **Hours worked this week:** 18

Week of: December 5, 2018 **Total hours this semester:** 184.05 **Grade:** 10

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 Wednesday, December 5, 2018 Ellen and I were on the NICU. Ellen was doing her rounds to talk with the nurse practitioner to confirm the discharge of a baby. There has been a new shift in staffing recently, specifically on the NICU so there has been challenge around familiarizing Doctors on how to use the online system of EPIC. Ellen is no longer on the purple team and now will be part of the red team. Her role is no long interdependent with blue and green teams but each team will stand independently. This means that some babies will be transferred to another team (consisted of case manager, doctor, and nurse practitioner). Due to the new Doctors on the NICU there were a couple of EPIC specialist who were present, as stand-by, to answer any questions for new staff in regards to the hospitals online system. One of the specialist was contacted by Ellen to help answer some questions that she had concerning a short-cut for patient documents. Social worker Ellen and I attended an EPIC meeting that required nurse case managers, and social worker case managers to be present. Ellen introduced me to the RN who was sitting next to me and I decided to ask her a couple questions about how she obtained her degree. RN/CM Lelia went to Chatt State for 2 years and graduated with he associates of science in Nursing. She said she had to take a license test which was easy for her. Being an registered nurse case manger, the individual is better trained to cater to more medical needs rather than the social emphasis of social workers. The EPIC meeting discussed a hospital policy which encourages patients to sign-up for the online "My-Chart." My-Chart allows patients to keep up-to-date with medical appointments, and provides access to pay online. The hospital gets a fiscal discount which is determined by the quantity of patients signed-up for My-Chart.

On Friday, December 7, 2018 Ellen and I were on the NICU. Ellen was doing more house-keeping work. She said that had to finish an assessment, work on transitions to make distinctions for parents. This includes referring parents to new case managers and having case manager contact parents. Ellen also was recently switched from purple team to red team. She had to verify which babies were on the red team since she would be responsible for taking care of those babies needs. While on the floor Elon and I spoke with nurse practitioner Christine who gave Ellen an up-to-date on patients who should be discharging. It turns out that NP Christine did not have red team babies so Ellen then had to find the other nurse practitioner who was indeed taking care of team red babies. Rounds were initiated by Dr. Newell, other medical professinals present was the pharmacist, RRT, RN-C, APN, PT, and NNP. They were all focused on helping on the babies who had been in the NICU for more than 6 months. The doctor made it a priority to set a goal for taking care of the baby instead of just treating daily. Dr. Newell wanted to assign the baby a team of medical professionals who would cater to his specific health needs. Around 4:30p, I transitioned to the Children's Emergency Department where I followed social worker Lindsey. A patient came in with the the mother because she had told the school counselor that she was going to hang herself. This was all revolving around her father and step-mothers divorce. Lindsey ended up calling youth villages so they could do a longer assessment. A young patient was admitted to the CHED. He was an African American, 9-year-old, who had experienced the death of his grandmother 3 years ago, and most recently two of his classmates were murdered. His parents, who are separated, brought him in because their son told the school counselor he wanted to die. Lindsey contacted Youth Villages for them to also do an in depth assessment. During supervision Ellen and I discussed what she did for self-care. She has been creating a mosaic of a troubling experience in CPS that she witnessed and has been wanting to finish the piece.