

Nursing student responsibilities at Boston Medical Center

Nursing students are considered a partner on the patient care team. We expect clear and consistent communication between the student and instructor and the patient's assigned staff nurse.

A. The Nursing Instructor will clearly communicate via a written assignment sheet the following information for each shift students are on the unit.

1. Student names
2. Patient name, room number
3. Responsibilities (including time frame) for the shift: Example- Medication administration, documentation (which aspects- flowsheets, assessments), and am care
4. Time on unit where student is responsible (do not include pre and post conference).

Example of Assignment sheet

Date: 1/15/18 School: University of X Instructor: Pam Corey

Time on Unit: 7a-3p

Student	Patient	Responsibility	Documentation
Jane Doe	Sally Smith Rm 215	Assessment, Am care, ICOUGH Medication administration for 7-2pm	I&O Flowsheet, VS and assessment, MAR
Bill Jones	Joe Brown Rm 220	Assessment, AM care, ICOUGH No Meds	I&O Flowsheet, VS and assessment

B. Cardiac monitoring and telemetry: Any patient on cardiac monitoring, continuous oxygen saturation monitoring, or telemetry will not be disconnected from the monitor or have the monitor disconnected from central station (unplugged from wall) unless the patients nurse is present at bedside.

C. To reduce staff nurse burden, it is the expectation that every effort be made to have the student present for shift change IPASS. This is our preferred safety practice at the very busy time at the start of the shift.