



Nurse Extern “Can and Can’t Do” List

Level I Nurse Extern (Externs who have completed 1st semester of nursing program):

- Performs tasks/acts routinely a part of any nursing assistants job description under the supervision of the registered nurse. Collects data such as vital signs, I & O, glucose monitoring, placement of telemetry, etc.
- Foley Catheterization-Female/Male under direct supervision of the registered nurse (RN).
- Sterile Dressing changes under direct supervision of the RN
- Contributes to the assessment of patients by collecting data during a physical assessment (including health history) for review and co-signature of the RN. Reports any abnormal findings or condition changes to RN.
- Medication Administration – P.O., SQ, IM, Topical, Nasal, Otic, Optic, Inhaled under direct supervision of the RN
- Administration of oxygen under direct supervision of the RN
- Application of heat & cold
- Activity and Mobility
- Pain Management – nonpharmacological & pharmacological – Pharmacological interventions under direct supervision of the RN.
- Assures documentation is accurate, complete, specific, and timely

Level II Nurse Extern (Externs who have completed 2nd semester of nursing program):

- All Level I skills as listed above.
- Placement of IV catheter under direct supervision of the RN
- D/C IV catheters
- Medication Administration – IV push and piggyback under direct supervision of the RN
- Nasogastric Tube Insertion and Care under direct supervision of the RN.
- Medication Administration via nasogastric/PEG/Gtube – under direct supervision of the RN

Level III Nurse Extern (Externs who have completed 3rd semester of nursing program):

- All Level I and II skills
- Tracheostomy care under direct supervision of the RN.
- Suctioning (nasotracheal, nasopharyngeal and tracheobronchial) under direct supervision of the RN
- May perform sterile dressing changes, insert urinary catheters and perform oropharyngeal suctioning under supervision of the RN.

Practice Exclusions:

1. May not substitute for licensed nursing staff.
2. May not be required to independently assume the role, function or responsibility of licensed personnel.
3. May not remove PICC lines or Central Lines
4. May not develop plan of care.
5. May not receive verbal or telephone orders.

The Nurse Extern Program is designed to provide an opportunity for nursing students to enhance clinical skills, knowledge, organization and time management while working as part of an interdisciplinary team.

Consider your time in the Nurse Extern Program as an interview for an RN position at Owensboro Health.

Questions / Concerns:

Please contact the Owensboro Health Recruitment Team at recteam@owensborohealth.org or (270) 685-7700.