

Succeeding at a Practicum Site.

- Keep in mind that the facility could be a potential employer and that first impressions can make all the difference.
- It is important that you follow the same policies & procedures that employees do.
- Students in the practicum are expected to maintain a professional image at all times it is important to maintain proper hygiene, style your hair so that it looks neat and stays out of your face, maintain a natural makeup look, avoid strong fragrances and scented lotions, and stay clear of flashy jewelry.

Conducting Yourself during Your Practicum

“Remember you are an invited guest at the facility”

- The site has agreed to host you. Professional courtesy toward all facility staff members is expected at all times.
- It is important to abide by the rules of the facility given to you the first day at your practicum site.
- Remember, your practicum offers you the opportunity to watch and learn from other health professionals. You should be prepared to learn and absorb all you can the first day of your practicum and every day after that by paying attention and listening to others.
- Show up on time every day. Regular attendance and promptness are mandatory. It is important that you arrive on time to the site. The practicum site has set aside time to have you to be at the facility. If you are going to be late, you are to contact your professional practice supervisor.
- Make every effort to avoid absences, think of the practicum as a 45 or 90 hour interview.
- If you don't understand what you're being asked to do at your practicum site or you need further instructions please politely ask your practicum site supervisor.
- Turn OFF your cell phone; do not text or make phone calls during the work day.
- If you're a smoker, try not to present to the facility smelling of smoke. Some view this as offensive.
- Before you arrive on site, find out what the employees in your area where to work and dress similarly (for example, don't wear scrubs if they all wear dress pants, etc.)