

**Johns Hopkins University
School of Nursing**

Clinical Rotations Summaries

The clinical rotations you will complete will be some of the greatest learning experiences of your program. Not only will you apply what you are learning to the direct care of patients, you'll have a tremendous opportunity to see firsthand what is expected of nurses in each of these care areas.

Use your clinical rotations as a way to explore the field of nursing. Reflect upon the experience with the intention of learning more about yourself. What areas do you find most rewarding? Where do you excel? Which most closely match your own professional and personal values?

Once you have ended a rotation, take some time to complete a clinical rotation summary. Use this exercise to thoroughly evaluate what you've learned about yourself and the nursing profession. As you complete other rotations, review these summaries adding new information as necessary.

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Start Date _____ End date _____

Rotation site _____ Unit/Department _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Preceptor/Clinical Instructor _____

Provide a brief description of unit (include number of beds, patient diagnoses, staff size (number of nurses), training you received, etc. Attach performance evaluations, if available.

What are your goals for this rotation? What skills do you want to learn/master? What do you want to learn about this unit? Specialty? What networking opportunities are available?

Describe your duties. (Be as specific as possible. Include the care you provided, equipment used, treatments observed and any other information that was valuable.)

Without violating patient confidentiality, describe some experiences you had. What patient experience was most meaningful?

What did you do that you didn't think you would be able to do?

Was there anything that you would do differently during this rotation?

What are areas of professional development?

What did you learn about yourself during this rotation that will help you in future rotations and your nursing career? Did you have any experiences that changed the way you thought about how you might function most effectively as a nurse? If so, describe them.

Would you consider this nursing specialty as a potential career choice? Why or why not?

What was your best experience during this rotation? What was it that made it so great?

Will you use your preceptor as an employment reference? If so, have you asked for permission to do so? Be sure to get permanent contact information.