

# PRELICENSURE PRECEPTORSHIP

*Quarter 6 Clinical Experience...*

# Quarter 6 Components

- Theory: 100 minutes/ week (currently offered on Friday – exact time varies from quarter to quarter)
  - Theory class offered as a “hybrid” course:
    - 50 minutes at home
    - 50 minutes at De Anza

# Quarter 6 Components

- Clinical: 16 hours / week (equivalent)
  - Instead of 2 days per week for 12 weeks, students precept 3 days per week for 8 weeks
  - Once your preceptorship begins, you must precept 24h each week.

# Clinical: Preceptorship

- Paired one on one with a R.N. in the community
- Work 24h+/week
- Work the RN's exact schedule (including weekends and holidays\*)

- \*except for at O'Connor Hospital



# Most RNs work 8h shifts

- Dayshift (0700-1530)
- Evening (1500-2330)
- Night (2300-0730)

# Some RNs work 12 hour shifts

- 0700-1930 (days)
- 1900-0730 (nights)
- *Most hospitals do not have 12h shifts. The only ones I know of at the present time are at El Camino Hospital, Los Gatos (not all RNs at this facility are on 12h shifts, but many are)*

# Number of shifts

- If you precept 8h shifts you must precept a minimum of 3 days/week
- If you precept 12h shifts, you must precept a minimum of 2 days/week
- Course completion is based on completing a set number of hours

## Very few RNs have “set” schedules

- Very few do – some may work every weekend.
- Most RNs work every other weekend.
- I have very little choice in what you get.
- You must be able to work whatever schedule your preceptor works.





# Settings for Preceptorship

- Med-Surg, ortho, oncology, med/surg/telemetry, chronic conditions
- Step-Down ICU, PCU, Intermediate ICU (IICU)
- ICU, CCU, ER
- L&D, mother-baby
- NICU, Pediatrics, PICU
- Psychiatric



# Hospitals we use...

- El Camino Hospital
- El Camino Los Gatos
- Kaiser Santa Clara
- O'Connor Hospital
- Good Samaritan



# At ECHLG, we sometimes get...

- ED
- Orthopedic Surgical floor (orthopedic)
- General surgical floor
- Medical Floor
- Mother-Baby Unit
- Rehab

# At ECH we sometimes get...

- Med-Surg (multiple units)
- CCU
- L&D
- Mother-Baby
- ED
- Acute Psychiatric



# At Kaiser we sometimes get...

- ICU, Step-down ICU, ED
- Med/Neuro, Med/Surg/Ortho, Chronic Conditions
- L&D
- NICU
- Mother-Baby
- Pediatrics / PICU



## At O'Connor we sometimes get...

- ICU
- ICTU, CDU
- Med-Surg (oncology or ortho units)
- We rarely get:
- ED, L&D, NICU, pediatrics

## At Good Samaritan I can try for...

- Medical, Surgical, SON (surgical/ortho/neuro)
- Oncology
- ICU
- Telemetry
- Mother/baby
- NICU
- ED

# You may or may not get any of your requests!

- Preceptor availability depends on numerous factors, many of which have nothing to do with us. Some of the factors that get in the way of hospitals granting us our wishes:
  - Oversaturation with students (from ours as well as other schools)
  - Preceptor burnout (same RNs precepting all of the time, or maybe preceptor had a challenging student last time)
  - Staff (or manager) turnover; preceptors needed to orient new staff (takes priority over students)
  - Morale issues on a particular unit



# Save your hospital info!

- Keep your computer codes from all hospitals where you have rotations between now and when you come to Quarter 6 (El Camino, BCMA, etc.)
- Keep any hospital orientation info you have from previous quarters
- Keep any Photo ID Badges that you have (unless you are asked to turn them in)

# Pre-Q6 Bonus Points

- Try to attend a BRN Board Meeting sometime between now and Q6 (if a convenient meeting happens between now and Q6 grab it! – we will discuss in class)
- Held in northern and southern CA (alternating)
- This is 2 day meeting: the part to go to is *the morning of the first day*
- For list of upcoming meetings visit [http://www.rn.ca.gov/about\\_us/meetings.shtml](http://www.rn.ca.gov/about_us/meetings.shtml)

# BRN Meeting (con't)

- Dress nicely
- Be professional
  - Don't be late
  - It's a court of law
- Sign in / get an agenda
- ID yourself as a DAC student



## What you get from the meeting:

- ALL bonus points for Q6
- Information you can use for writing your Role Development Paper (one of the Q6 assignments)
- A good dose of humility

# To contact me...

- [patty@comcast.net](mailto:patty@comcast.net)
  - (letter o – not zero!)
  - Put De Anza College in the subject heading!!!
- 408/864-8641

## When completing your preceptorship request form...

- Remember, it is a request (you are not “picking”)
- Your “one wish” must be very brief – basically one concept (e.g., “dayshift, ED @ Good Sam” is 3 wishes. I stop reading after the first wish.)

## When completing your preceptorship request form...

- If your living situation makes it impossible to do a certain shift (such as night shift) THIS MUST BE YOUR ONE WISH
- Please type or print neatly, especially your email address and telephone number.
- Please inform me if you change your email address or telephone number.

## When completing your preceptorship request form...

- Any changes to your preceptorship request must be done in writing and must be dated. I cannot guarantee that I will be able to consider your revised request, depending on when it is given to me. If requests to hospitals are already pending on your behalf, you may have to accept the assignment or take a LOA and try again the following quarter.



# To prepare...

- Do your best in clinical
  - every setting
  - every day
- Read, study, prepare!
- Do your “homework”
- Master you Med-Surg next quarter (especially if you desire a specialty)