

## **NURSING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS DURING CLINICALS OR PRECEPTORSHIPS AT CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA**

**Communication:** with preceptor, instructor, other staff , with Nursing Education Department (Mary Jane Prosser at 939-9908). Communicate with your preceptor at regular, frequent intervals.

**Honesty:** re. your previous experiences, your current actions, your mistakes

**Trust:** Can your preceptor count on you to be on the unit when you say you will be. Can you count on your preceptor to do the same? Be on the unit early & stay until you complete your assignments.

**Responsibility:** Be an active learner. Choose to get all you can from your clinical experience. Take responsibility for experiences and your actions.

**Teamwork:** If your patient has been discharged, is away from the unit, or there are few demands/ nursing care needed at a particular time, offer to help other nurses with their patient care.

**Respect:** Respect the knowledge, wisdom and experience of your preceptor. Respect the time and effort they spend with you. Respect your preceptor as a person.

**Professionalism:** Uniform, dress code, appropriate undergarments

**Problem-solving:** Talk with your preceptor first  
Talk with your clinical instructor  
Talk with me if issues/problems have not been resolved after talking with your preceptor and clinical instructor.  
Discuss issues as they occur. DON'T wait until the semester is over to discuss issues or problems.

**Attitude:** Choose to have a positive attitude about your clinical experience – towards your patients, their families, your preceptor, the nursing staff on the unit. Have a positive attitude even in challenging situations- those will help you grow as a person & as a nurse. Many new hires did preceptorships at CHS. Some preceptees are not considered for hire – mostly because of their attitudes.

**Please remember that you are a guest in our facility.**