Santa Monica College
Registered Nurse Mentoring Project
Guidelines

**Purpose:**
The purpose of this internship experience is to enhance the confidence level of the student by providing experiences in a controlled but non-threatening manner and to provide some assistance to the staff nurses on the unit.

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1. The student is not an employee of the internship site organization.
2. This course is ELECTIVE. The student has chosen to participate in this innovative program and is earning academic credit for this experience.
3. The student wants to observe real nursing. The mentor is a role model.
4. The student can provide basic care to assigned patients, similar to duties a CNA would provide such as: bathing, feeding, taking vital signs, etc. The student can observe special procedures and assist as unlicensed personnel would assist.
5. The student CANNOT administer medications or start IVs.
6. The mentor nurse remains responsible for the total care and planning of the patient assignment, though the student can be asked to help with assessments. The mentor can and should provide learning experiences by asking questions of the student that promote critical thinking and skills in setting priorities.