

Advice from previous students....

Words of wisdom

What would you like to tell an incoming student?

- ❖ Definitely have a medical dictionary. I spent a month looking up everything. Know that everyone understands that you are a student. Don't feel like you have to know everything & don't feel like you are expected to know everything. And that it was a great experience! *Fall, 2009*
- ❖ Be confident despite the overwhelming feeling. Know that even though you think you're not going to learn all this stuff you will. Enjoy. *Fall, 2009*
- ❖ Know all the abbreviations. Get a dictionary. Act confident even if you don't feel it; it helps when you enter a patient's room. Don't be afraid to let the patients cough on bedsides!
☺ *Spring, 2010*
- ❖ Don't be afraid to ask about medical abbreviations or anything you don't know about. Be open to talking to doctors. Be sure of what you know and what you bring at the beginning [even though] you will feel like you don't know anything! You will learn a lot more than you think!
Spring, 2010
- ❖ Read the materials that are sent to you beforehand, come with a list of questions. Ask a lot of questions throughout

the day. Carry a medical dictionary or look up terms you aren't familiar with. *Spring, 2011*

- ❖ Take advantage of every opportunity to learn something new. If you have an opportunity to observe or look at a new resource or take something home, do it. And take advantage of any of the resources shared with you. Don't be afraid to be creative and think outside the box or bring things in or try new things in therapy. *Spring, 2011*
- ❖ I learned that UM is an excellent place to do an internship, and that students should not view acute care settings as overwhelming and be willing to challenge themselves. *Spring, 2011*
- ❖ I learned how to manage my time better and how to be flexible and how to adapt to our challenging patients. *Spring, 2011*
- ❖ Students should know ahead of time that there is a learning curve and it's okay to know that they don't know everything at first. You don't have to have all the answers. *Spring, 2011*
- ❖ If it feels overwhelming at first, keep doing your best. Take every advantage and stick with it because there will be a day when it all feels like it just flows. *Spring, 2011*
- ❖ Being overwhelmed is okay. The key to learning is being flexible and open. *Fall, 2012*
- ❖ Trust yourself more than I did. *Fall, 2013*

- ❖ Don't be afraid to ask questions... and lots of questions! *Fall, 2013*
- ❖ Be prepared for your supervisor to tell you to look stuff up, but it's good for you! *Fall, 2013*
- ❖ Study the medical terms so you are not completely lost the first day. 😊 *Fall, 2013*
- ❖ Don't be nervous to do stuff by yourself. Be confident in that from the beginning! *Fall, 2013*