

Narrative Summary

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“Each educator will prepare a one-paged typed narrative suitable for publication in newspaper, newsletters, magazines, etc. This narrative should reflect on the experiences during the externship and how it will impact your individual curriculum during the school year.”

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Wow! My experience at Cullman Regional Medical Center was simply great. I was able to observe doctors and nurses using some of the most advanced equipment to do amazing procedures. I never in my wildest imagination thought I would be observing laparoscopic surgeries during my week at the hospital. While that part was fun and exciting, I also became enlightened in other areas during my visit at CRMC. I met a very diverse group of people while working at the hospital. Not only people of different ethnicities, but of different job titles, educational levels, etc. Each required and equally important to the overall functions of the hospital. With such a diverse group, I was pleasantly surprised to see such teamwork evident in the workplace. The visions, values and mission of the hospital that were clearly defined for us the first day by CEO, Jim Weidner were reaffirmed on a daily basis. Those same values that he mentioned were echoed in the form of bulletin boards and employee words and actions. It was clear to me that certainly the employees were on board with the CEO's plans for the hospital. As a technology teacher, of course I was pleased to learn that the CEO wants CRMC to be the leader in the use of innovative technologies. I can go back and tell my students that currently CRMC has computers in most patient rooms. I also witnessed new patient beds that could take patient temperatures and alert nurses when the patients were leaving the bed, blankets that could elevate or lower patient temperatures, the use of the Pyxis system to monitor inventories in most departments, a state of the art Chemistry Analyzer used in the upstairs lab, Fluoroscope x-ray machines that can do full body scans, Wii's used in rehabilitation, and of course the laparoscopic surgeries. It is no wonder that CRMC was named as one of the top 100 Hot Wired hospitals in the country. It was wonderful to see many of my past students now gainfully employed with the hospital. Also, from a consumer's perspective, my visit was very informative and reassuring. Luckily, my life experiences have not been such that I needed the services of the hospital, but it was nice to learn that indeed "Close to Home is Good Medicine".