

LEARNER SPOTLIGHT

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What does an average day during your placement look like?

I start my day by reviewing my assigned patients' charts, prioritizing care, and conducting initial assessments. After meeting each patient and addressing their immediate needs, I collaborate with my preceptor and the healthcare team to ensure care is coordinated. My responsibilities often include medication administration, performing patient-specific clinical skills such as wound dressing change, IV insertion, CBI procedure, NG tube, etc. At the end of each intervention, I complete thorough documentation to maintain accurate records and continuity of care.

Is there a mentor of faculty member who has significantly impacted you?

I am deeply grateful for Nick Donohue of 2A, who has been a tremendous influence on my learning. He helped me appreciate the importance of prioritizing care, clustering care, and conducting focused assessments while applying critical reasoning. His mentorship has refined my clinical judgment and reinforced the value of truly listening to patients and remaining keenly observant.

What is one interesting fact others might not know about you?

I enjoy portaging in Algonquin Park, an activity that has strengthened my endurance and appreciation for nature. Immersing myself in nature is both grounding and energizing.



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