

STAGE 1

Assignment: 1 stable ICU pt

Focus: getting oriented to unit and flow,
organization of day, basic assessment skills
basic monitoring

STAGE 2

Assignment: 1 stable ICU pt, paired with a floor or step down pt

Focus: Time management skills, normal A & P review, arrhythmias,
waveform interpretation, basic ventilator settings

STAGE 3

Assignment: ICU pair or Stable 1:1 with CVVH, Drips

Focus: Discuss abnormal pathophys, A&P, complex hemodynamics,
unstable pt situations. (have student go to codes/MET with charge)

***these are just meant to be guidelines to help assist the practicum students

***Along with the discretion of the preceptor, student may advance to next stage when objectives of the current stage are obtained

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