

Casey-Fink Graduate Nurse Experience Survey © 2006

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I. List the top three skills/procedures you are *uncomfortable performing independently at this time?* (please select from the drop down list) **list is at the end of this document.**

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____ I am independent in all skills
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II. Please answer each of the following questions by placing a mark inside the circles:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
1. I feel confident communicating with physicians.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. I am comfortable knowing what to do for a dying patient.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I feel comfortable delegating tasks to the Nursing Assistant.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I feel at ease asking for help from other RNs on the unit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I am having difficulty prioritizing patient care needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. I feel my preceptor provides encouragement and feedback about my work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. I feel staff is available to me during new situations and procedures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. I feel overwhelmed by my patient care responsibilities and workload.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. I feel supported by the nurses on my unit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. I have opportunities to practice skills and procedures more than once.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I feel comfortable communicating with patients and their families.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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12. I am able to complete my patient care assignment on time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. I feel the expectations of me in this job are realistic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. I feel prepared to complete my job responsibilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. I feel comfortable making suggestions for changes to the nursing plan of care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I am having difficulty organizing patient care needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. I feel I may harm a patient due to my lack of knowledge and experience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. There are positive role models for me to observe on my unit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. My preceptor is helping me to develop confidence in my practice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. I am supported by my family/friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. I am satisfied with my chosen nursing specialty.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22. I feel my work is exciting and challenging.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23. I feel my manager provides encouragement and feedback about my work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24. I am experiencing stress in my personal life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25. If you chose agree or strongly agree, to #24, please indicate what is causing your stress. (You may circle more than once choice.)				
a. NCLEX				
b. Finances				
c. Child care				
d. Living situation				
e. Personal relationships				
f. Job performance				
g. Graduate school				

III. How *satisfied* are you with the following aspects of your job:

	VERY DISSATISFIED	MODERATELY DISSATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	MODERATELY SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED
Salary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vacation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Benefits package	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hours that you work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weekends off per month	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your amount of responsibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for career advancement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of encouragement and feedback	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunity to work straight days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

IV. Transition (please circle any or all that apply)

1. What difficulties, if any, are you currently experiencing with the transition from the "student" role to the "RN" role?

- a. role expectations (e.g. autonomy, more responsibility, being a preceptor or in charge)
- b. lack of confidence (e.g. MD/PT communication skills, delegation, knowledge deficit, critical thinking)
- c. workload (e.g. organizing, prioritizing, feeling overwhelmed, ratios, patient acuity)
- d. fears (e.g. patient safety)
- e. orientation issues (e.g. unit familiarization, learning technology, relationship with multiple preceptors, information overload)

2. What could be done to help you feel more supported or integrated into the unit?

- a. improved orientation (e.g. preceptor support and consistency, orientation extension, unit specific skills practice)
- b. increased support (e.g. manager, RN, and educator feedback and support, mentorship)
- c. unit socialization (e.g. being introduced to staff and MDs, opportunities for staff socialization)
- d. improved work environment (e.g. gradual ratio changes, more assistance from unlicensed personnel, involvement in schedule and committee work)

3. What aspects of your work environment are most satisfying?

- a. peer support (e.g. belonging, team approach, helpful and friendly staff)
- b. patients and families (e.g. making a difference, positive feedback, patient satisfaction, patient interaction)

- c. ongoing learning (e.g. preceptors, unit role models, mentorship)
- d. professional nursing role (e.g. challenge, benefits, fast pace, critical thinking, empowerment)
- e. positive work environment (e.g. good ratios, available resources, great facility, up-to-date technology)

4. What aspects of your work environment are least satisfying?

- a. nursing work environment (e.g. unrealistic ratios, tough schedule, futility of care)
- b. system (e.g. outdated facilities and equipment, small workspace, charting, paperwork)
- c. interpersonal relationships (e.g. gossip, lack of recognition, lack of teamwork, politics)
- d. orientation (inconsistent preceptors, lack of feedback)

5. Please share any comments or concerns you have about your residency program:

V. *Demographics:* Circle the response that represents the most accurate description of your individual professional profile.

1. Age: _____ years

2. Gender:

- a. Female
- b. Male

3. Ethnicity:

- a. Caucasian (white)
- b. Black
- c. Hispanic
- d. Asian
- e. Other
- f. I do not wish to include this information

4. Area of specialty:

- a. Adult Medical/Surgical
- b. Adult Critical Care
- c. OB/Post Partum
- d. NICU
- e. Pediatrics
- f. Emergency Department
- g. Oncology
- h. Transplant
- i. Rehabilitation
- j. OR/PACU
- k. Psychiatry
- l. Ambulatory Clinic
- m. Other: _____

5. School of Nursing Attended (name, city, state located): _____

6. Date of Graduation: _____

7. Degree Received: AD: _____ Diploma: _____ BSN: _____ ND:

8. Other Non-Nursing Degree (if applicable): _____

9. Date of Hire (as a Graduate Nurse): _____

10. What previous health care work experience have you had:

- a. Volunteer
- b. Nursing Assistant
- c. Medical Assistant
- d. Unit Secretary
- e. EMT
- f. Student Externship
- g. Other (please specify): _____

11. Have you functioned as a charge nurse?

- a. Yes
- b. No

12. Have you functioned as a preceptor?

- a. Yes
- b. No

13. What is your scheduled work pattern?

- a. Straight days
- b. Straight evenings
- c. Straight nights
- d. Rotating days/evenings
- e. Rotating days/nights
- f. Other (please specify): _____

14. How long was your unit orientation?

- a. Still ongoing
- b. \leq 8 weeks
- c. 9 – 12 weeks
- d. 13 – 16 weeks
- e. 17 - 23 weeks
- f. \geq 24 weeks

15. How many *primary* preceptors have you had during your orientation?

_____ number of preceptors

16. Today's date: _____

Drop down list of skills

Arterial/venous lines/swan ganz (wedging, management, calibration, CVP, cardiac output)
Assessment skills
Bladder catheter insertion/irrigation
Blood draw/venipuncture
Blood product administration/transfusion
Central line care (dressing change, blood draws, discontinuing)
Charting/documentation
Chest tube care (placement, pleurovac)
Code/Emergency Response
Death/Dying/End-of-Life Care
Dobhoff/NG care/suctioning/placement
ECG/EKG/Telemetry monitoring and interpretation
Intravenous (IV) medication administration/pumps/PCAs
Intravenous (IV) starts
Medication administration
MD communication
Patient/family communication and teaching
Prioritization/Time Management
Trach care
Vent care/management/assisting with intubation/extubation
Wound care/dressing change/wound vac
Unit specific skills _____