Dedicated Education Units: 
Process and Outcomes

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Learner Objective:
At the end of this presentation the audience will have the basic tools and knowledge to initiate and evaluate a DEU.

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What is a DEU?

DEU model of clinical education was developed at Flinders University in Australia and is grounded in a strong academic clinical partnership (Edgecombe, Wotton, Gonda, & Mason, 1999). A DEU model changes the traditional role of the faculty and the unit staff in the provision of clinical education to students.
What a DEU is not...

- Easier
- Student dumping
- Invisible
- Magic
• Partnering and planning:
  • 3-6 months
  • Shared goals and vision
  • Mutual outcomes
Education and preparation:
- CIs (Clinical Instructors)
- Charge nurse and staff
- Students
- Faculty
Building Relationships
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DEU Students: July 13, 2021.

**Jackie**
My Goal: To gain confidence in the nursing role and experience to determine if I want to look for a position in OB/GYN after graduation

Source of anxiety: Not knowing what to expect and being presented with situations where I don’t know what to do.

I learn best by observing to get an understanding of a particular process and then jumping in to learn in a more hands on way.

**Tiffany**
My Goal: Ever since I was little I knew I wanted to work with expectant mothers. My goal is to hopefully figure out if this is exactly what I want to do with my life.

Source of anxiety: the fear of not being good enough. I don’t want the nurses or patients' thinking I am incompetent.

I learn best by watching first then doing it myself.

**Paul**
My Goal: To strengthen my assessment skills and to successfully pass meds.

Source of anxiety: Therapeutic communications, I don’t know what to say when a pt expresses a need. Also assessments.

I learn best from actual experiences. I understand concept by doing and having someone to guide and correct me.

**Xiaodin**
My Goal: To learn how to do post-partum assessment and care plan.

Source of anxiety: Limited knowledge of postpartum and neonatal physiology.

I learn best from observation and practice.
Culture of collaboration and life-long learning

Letting go...
establishing new roles
Learner Outcomes:
- De-briefing
- Students
- CI’s
- Leadership
- Measures of learning nursing skills
- Future employees
Partnership Outcomes

• Posters
• Publications
• Workshop for health-system
Why do it...what’s in it for me?
In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.

--Phil Collins
Questions and thank you

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