

Patient care – 4 weeks – 120h
1st year, 6-year program ED students
Faculty of Medicine

Upon completion of each year of their study students are required to take their summer holiday vocational training which is mandatory and is included in the Polish medical curriculum.

First year students undergo a one-month nursing training being attached to the nursing personnel as nursing assistants (auxiliaries at teaching hospitals of medical academies) universities either in Poland or selected foreign countries.

At a teaching hospital in Poland the head of the ward/department or an appointed instructor in charge provides a detailed programme as well as scheduled duties and maintains both supervision and assessment of student's performance.

The instructor in charge of first year students should be a fully qualified nurse who will supervise all nursing duties performed by students also those carried out with regard to patients in severe condition requiring intensive care.

Students are expected to have three to nine seven-hour duties on all shifts including up to three night shifts.

The main goals of the training are:

1. To acquaint students with a significant role of the nurse in the nursing and treatment of the patient,
2. To enable students to:
 - acquire skills in performing ward routines e.g., taking temps and BP, making beds and
 - changing bedclothes, maintaining patients' personal hygiene, offering bedpans and
 - urinals, feeding patients, preparing drugs ordered for administration,
 - learn the techniques of giving subcutaneous and intramuscular injections and instituting intravenous infusions.

Throughout the course of the training students are expected to make records of their activities and procedures performed. They are also assessed by the instructor in charge and are finally granted their passing mark by the head of the department. Certificates written in English or translated should be submitted to the Dean's Office of the Medical University of Warsaw by September 20th of the subsequent academic year.