

**SOUTHWESTERN ACADEMY UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
NURS 330 (COURSE RELAT TO NURSING)
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OBSERVATION**

Objectives:

1. Observe the ED nurse providing nursing interventions supportive of the child and family
2. Identify common pediatric emergency care and appropriate ED management
3. Discuss priority assessment when a child is admitted to the ED without injury or serious illness
4. Discuss available educational resources frequently used in the ED
5. Identify nursing interventions aimed at addressing the child and family stresses associated with an ED visit
6. Describe education the nurse provides to clients in the ED
7. Describe follow up available for client upon discharge from the ED
8. Describe the process of hospital admission of the child from the ED

ED OBSERVATION

***Note:** Observations to be completed prior to ED observation. (Complete the remainder of the incident and observation checklist)

1. What are the responsibilities of the Emergency Department nurse?
2. What common pediatric emergencies are seen in the Emergency Department?
3. What priority assessments are done when a child with injury or serious illness is brought to the ED?
4. What are the common pediatric emergency medications and rationale for their use?
5. What are the common treatment therapies used in the ED?
6. What are the strategies that the nurse uses when dealing with the family who is emotionally overwhelmed from ED treatment their child?
7. What educational family education and guidelines for follow up does the ED nurse provide?
8. What is the process of hospital admission of the child from the ED?
9. List a specific nursing problem (physiologic, developmental, psychosocial, spiritual) related to a ED patient.
 - a. What is nursing diagnosis for this problem?
 - b. List three nursing interventions for this nursing diagnosis.