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Nursing students may not provide any "hands-on" nursing care/skills in these settings. Liability is far too great and our coverage would not be assured without direct faculty supervision. Further, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations would prohibit same unless we had a qualified instructor or preceptor on-site for supervision. In other words, nursing students may not provide any hands-on care unless it is an approved clinical site. Examples of care that must be excluded would include vital signs, bathing, medication administration, any other physical assessment skills (such as dressing changes or wound care). Activities that nursing students can do include communicating/listening/reminiscence activities, playing games, assisting with group activities such as bingo or cards, helping with record-keeping (filing, entering or transferring non-clinical data), etc.

Learning Objective for Nursing Students
(as outlined in student syllabi)

“Provide opportunities for enhances awareness of community needs, problem, and interventions. Increase appreciation of potential roles for nurses in the community and society. Incorporate appreciation for inherent values of nursing, including integrity, empathy, self-motivation, teamwork, diplomacy, respect, and advocacy. Assume responsibility and accountability for providing quality care.”