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## Nursing Students Back in the Hospital For Hands-On Training

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Halsey nursing students prepare to leave on their first course training trip to Trinitas Hospital, the first in two years.

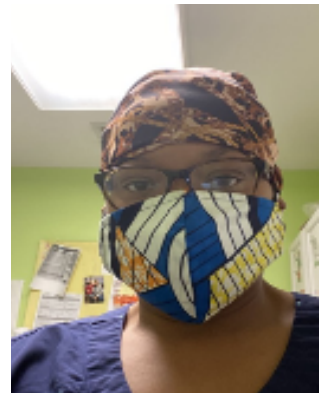
After a two-year wait, Halsey nursing students made their first training trip to Trinitas Hospital last month. No one was more happy than Halsey Health and Occupation Teacher Faheemah Walton.

"It's absolutely great. I'm excited for the students. The hospital staff is also excited to see the students again," said Walton. "It's good to have a sense of normalcy, go back into the hospital environment, and get that hands-on experience which is really beneficial to the students."

The purpose of the trip was to give students a tour of the hospital and get familiar with the different parts of the facility. Walton wanted them to meet the secretaries at the front desks of the units, and get familiar with where supplies are located and the different communications devices used in the hospital. **"The whole purpose and goal was to orient them to the hospital environment. This is the time that they get their hands-on training and carry out the job responsibilities of a health unit coordinator."**

This hand-on experience, which is so important for Nursing students to experience, was missing during the pandemic. COVID-19 safety protocols forced Walton to teach her courses online or strictly in the classroom. "It was sad not to be able to go into the hospital for two years and have that opportunity to connect with staff and patients."

Now her students are back on the hospital floor shadowing nurses, secretaries, doctors, and technicians. **"Students are able to really make that connection with staff and patients," said Walton.**



Halsey Health and Occupation Teacher Faheemah Walton



Nursing students Naiomy Mezu, Noelia Vasquez and Jasslyn Escolero.

For Halsey junior Naiomy Mezu, being in the hospital was exciting. **"There was just a lot of stuff going on. There's a lot of responsibility that we have when we actually start working there,"** she said. **"It's the real deal."**

For Jasslyn Escolero, junior, going in-person made all the difference. "It is different being actually in the hospital rather than just learning about it in the classroom," said Escolero. "As a visual learner, you get to see how things are supposed to be working in real life." She is eyeing a career as an ultrasound technician.

Walton hopes this hand-on experience and work-based learning in the hospital will shape her students' plans for the future. "We hope our students will be more prepared when they leave here for whatever job that we're training them for."