



February 11, 2013

Kalie Nolen  
Nursing Student  
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Dear Ms. Nolen,

This letter serves as an acknowledgement to Kalie Nolen, ETSU Nursing Student and member of the University Honors-In-Discipline Program to collect data at Holston Valley Medical Center as a part of your research for your thesis. As your letter stated, this data collection will be focused on family members in the Intensive Care Unit and how well their needs are being met in the hospital. Through use of the Needs Met Inventory findings, you will be able to better identify how to improve meeting their needs.

In addition to the Needs Met Inventory findings, your data collection will also include interviews with participants which will be voluntary, at least 18 years of age, a relative/spouse of the patient, and the patient must have spent at least twenty four hours in the Intensive Care Unit.

Please accept this letter as approval for you to collect data as a part of your research for your thesis to be completed through Holston Valley Medical Center for the dates of February 12 through May 10, 2013.

**Please contact Karen Fox at (423) 224-6339 to complete the orientation packet and get approval for your student badge to wear during the time you will be here completing your data collection for your research.**

Thank you,

Priscilla Redwine, RN, CNA  
Director, Clinical Education, HVMC

cc Terri Marcum, RN, MBA  
CNO, Vice President, Patient Care Services

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