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PURPOSE

To define how clinical practice assignments are made and what is expected of students during clinical experiences.

SCOPE

All students enrolled in nursing courses with clinical components at the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing (JFMSON).

POLICY

Clinical assignments are made by the clinical instructor to meet course objectives. Students must arrive at the assigned clinical unit or agency at the time specified by the clinical instructor, prepared for the assignment as outlined in the course syllabus. A student who is unprepared for clinical may be dismissed by the clinical instructor and charged with one clinical absence, which must be made up under the Attendance standards.

PROCEDURE

- Students remain on their assigned clinical unit and may not visit students, staff, or patients in other areas. Students may not leave the clinical facility during clinical activities without permission from the clinical instructor.
- Students perform only those skills and procedures authorized by the clinical instructor and permitted at the clinical site, under the required level of supervision.
- Students maintain confidentiality of all patient information consistent with HIPAA and Lehigh Valley Health Network policy. Non-identifiable patient information may be used for educational purposes in the classroom and clinical setting.
- Cellphone use is prohibited in the clinical practice setting.
- Students dress according to the Dress Code Policy #208.
- Transportation to and from clinical sites is the student's responsibility.
- Students are learners during clinical experiences. They do not replace facility staff and receive no compensation for clinical hours.
- Clinical facilities retain the right to exclude a student based on the facility's own requirements, including criminal history, child abuse history, or violation of the Older Adults

Protective Services Act. Inability to complete required clinical practice prevents a student from achieving course objectives and meeting graduation requirements.

- Injuries and incidents during clinical are reported immediately to the clinical instructor and handled per school and network policy.

REFERENCES

Dress Code Policy #208. Substance Abuse and Alcohol Testing Policy #207. Student handbook, Attendance Standards and Conduct Standards.

REVIEW and APPROVAL

This policy is reviewed annually by the Curriculum Committee.