



Standard of Safe Clinical Performance

In clinical practice, students must demonstrate responsibility and accountability as professional nurses with the goal of health promotion and prevention of harm to self and others. The School of Nursing faculty believes that this goal will be attained if each student's clinical practice adheres to standards of safe clinical practice. Safe clinical performance always includes, but is not limited to, the following behaviors:

1. Practice within boundaries of the Virginia Board of Nursing regulations, the nursing student role, and the scope of practice of the registered nurse.
2. Comply with policies and procedures of the clinical agency for implementing nursing care.
3. Prepare for clinical learning assignments according to course requirements and as determined for the specific clinical setting.
4. Demonstrate the application of previously learned skills and principles in providing nursing care.
5. Promptly report significant client information in a clear, accurate, and complete oral or written manner to the appropriate person or persons.
6. Provide health care consistent with the following guidelines identified by the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA, 2022)
 - a) Advocate for the rights of all clients.
 - b) Maintain client confidentiality.
 - c) Take appropriate action to ensure the safety of clients, self, and others.
 - d) Provide care for the client in a timely, compassionate and professional manner.
 - e) Communicate client care in a truthful, timely and accurate manner.
 - f) Actively promote the highest level of moral and ethical principles and accept responsibility for personal actions.
 - g) Promote excellence in nursing by engaging in lifelong learning and professional development.
 - h) Treat others with respect and promote an environment that respects human rights, values and choice of cultural and spiritual beliefs.
 - i) Collaborate in every reasonable manner with the academic faculty and clinical staff to ensure the highest quality of client care
 - j) Refrain from any deliberate action or omission of care in the academic or clinical setting that creates unnecessary risk of injury to the client, self, or others.
 - k) Abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages or any substances in the academic and clinical setting that impair judgment.
 - l) Strive to achieve and maintain an optimal level of personal health.
 - m) Uphold school policies and regulations related to academic and clinical performance, reserving the right to challenge and critique rules and regulations as per school grievance policy.

National Student Nurses' Association, (2022). A Code for Academic and Clinical Conduct for Nursing Students. Retrieved from <https://www.nсна.org/nsna-code-of-ethics.html>

Acknowledgment

I have read the Virginia Highlands Community College Nursing Standards of Safe Clinical Practice and I agree to adhere to them. I understand that these standards are expectations for my clinical practice and will be incorporated into the evaluation of my clinical performance in all clinical courses. Failure to meet these standards may result in my removal from the clinical area, which may result in clinical failure.

Print Name

Date

Signature