

If a student is dismissed from a clinical facility as a result of inappropriate action and/or behaviors, the student may be administratively withdrawn from the course.

The Benjamín León School of Nursing, in cooperation with the clinical facilities, will provide an opportunity for the program participant to observe and provide patient care in a variety of clinical settings. Students may only be at a clinical site at scheduled times.

Students should not seek medical advice from staff and/or physicians while in the clinical setting.

College wide's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

The Collegewide's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) "Writing for the Real World: Strengthening Writing and Career Knowledge" is an MDC initiative to enhance workforce readiness through the skill of writing. The assigned QEP nursing courses are Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical Lab, Transition to Professional Nursing Clinical Lab, Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical Lab, Community Nursing Clinical Lab, Professional Nursing Leadership. All students who are enrolled in a QEP course will be required to complete a standard writing prompt.

SECTION 18: CHEMICALLY IMPAIRED NURSING STUDENT

Miami Dade College endorses the federal government's effort in implementing the Drug-Free Schools and Community Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226). See MDC Student's Rights & Responsibilities.

Students are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the MDC's Student's Rights and Responsibilities handbook.

Students are prohibited from reporting to lectures, laboratories and/or clinical classes under the influence of alcohol or any substance that impairs physical or mental abilities.

The faculty is responsible for identifying students who display inappropriate behaviors in the clinical setting and reporting this to the respective Chairperson or Dean of the School of Nursing.

The student will be responsible for any costs associated with testing for alcohol or controlled substances.

When the faculty has reason to suspect that a student is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance, the faculty will report the incident to the department chairperson or designee. The Chairperson or designee will meet with the student and the faculty member. The faculty member will document the incident in writing.

a. Upon verification of the behavior, the Chairperson will:

- Inform the student that blood and/or urine testing is being requested and that refusal may result in termination from the program.
- Contact security to escort a student who becomes loud or abusive to the Health Office or Emergency Room.
- Refer the student to Intervention Project for Nursing (IPN) for counseling if blood or urine test is positive.

A student who has been dismissed for chemical impairment may petition for reinstatement by presenting evidence of successfully completing an intervention program to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

SECTION 19: STUDENT AFFECTIVE BEHAVIORS

Students are expected to interact with all college or clinical personnel in a positive professional manner.

STUDENT INTERACTIONS

STUDENT/PATIENT INTERACTIONS

- It is expected that Students will consistently display a professional and positive attitude in all clinical rotations.
- Students will always identify yourself and explain your role to the patient.
- Students will display courteous behavior towards the patient.
- Students will display respect for the patient regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, sex, diagnosis or sexual orientation.
- Students will follow the above objectives regardless of the patient's condition.
- It is expected that you will maintain confidentiality of all patient records and information.
- Students will record all information accurately in the patient's chart and correct any errors properly.
- Students will discuss patient information only with other medical personnel involved in the care of the patient when out of the audible range of the patient and the patient's family and in non-public areas.
- Students will preserve patient anonymity when removing information from the chart for program-related projects. Copying the patient's record is strictly forbidden and considered a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Students will discuss with the patient only information already known to the patient.
- It is expected that Students will display respect for the patient's right to privacy. (All students will be familiar with the American Hospital Association's Patient's Bill of Rights.)
- Students will arrange clothing and bedding to maintain patient modesty (when practical).
- Students will knock on the patient's door before entering the room.
- Students will address the patient using their Surname (Last name) with the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Ms.).
- Students will perform a physical examination of the patient only when indicated and with the assistance of a medical professional of the same sex as the patient, when indicated.
- It is expected that students will demonstrate concern for the protection of the patient from injury during all procedures.
- Students will perform only those procedures approved by the instructor.
- Students will adhere to accepted guidelines when performing any procedure.
- Students will assess the patient's condition and response to therapy.
- Students will ensure the safety and comfort of the patient during and after procedures

STUDENT/STUDENT INTERACTION

- It is expected that students will consistently display a professional and positive attitude in interactions with fellow students.
- Students will complete all assignments alone, without the aid of another student.
- Students will perform cooperatively when working in assigned areas with other students.
- Students will display respect for fellow students regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR INTERACTION

- It is expected that students will consistently display a professional and positive attitude when interacting with instructors.
- Students will work to the best of your ability to complete all assignments.
- Students will use established procedures in mediating any differences between yourself and the instructor.
- Students will demonstrate respect for the instructor at all times regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, sex or sexual orientation.
- Students will demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times and adapt to instructional input.

STUDENT/CLINICAL PERSONNEL INTERACTIONS

- It is expected that students will consistently display a professional and positive attitude when interacting with the clinical personnel.
- Students will identify themselves by wearing the proper uniform and MDC picture ID.
- Students will display respect for all clinical personnel regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, sex or sexual orientation.
- Students will read and practice all rules, regulations, and procedures that are established for the department to which they are assigned.
- It is expected that students will first discuss, with the MDC instructor, any established clinical procedure or any technique observed in the facility, with which you do not agree.
- Students will not discuss or debate any clinical procedure in the presence of a patient and/or family member.

Students will demonstrate respect for the clinical rotation site by careful and responsible use of the facility and related equipment.

.SECTION 20: CODE OF ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL CONDUCT

As students are involved in clinical and academic environments, we believe that ethical principles are an essential guide to professional development. Therefore, within these environments we:

- Advocate for the rights of all clients.
- Maintain client confidentiality. (HIPAA)
- Take appropriate action to ensure the safety of clients, self, and others.
- Provide care for the client in a timely, compassionate and professional manner.
- Communicate client care in a truthful, timely, and accurate manner.
- Actively promote the highest level of moral and ethical principles and accept responsibility for our actions.
- Promote excellence in nursing by encouraging lifelong learning and professional development.
- Treat others with respect and promote an environment that respects human rights, values and choice of cultural and spiritual beliefs.
- Collaborate with the academic faculty and clinical staff to ensure the highest quality of client care.
- Refrain from performing any technique or procedure for which the student has not been approved.
- Refrain from any deliberate action or omission of care in the academic or clinical setting that creates an unnecessary risk of injury to the client, self or others.
- Abstain from the use of substances in the academic and clinical setting that impair judgment.
- Strive to achieve and maintain an optimal level of personal health.
- 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

SECTION 21: PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORS

The actions expected of all nurses and nursing students, reflect the values, rules, and practices of nursing. These must be demonstrated throughout each course and throughout the program.

Deviations will result in a failing clinical grade, and/or withdrawal from the program.

All students are expected to:

- Follow the policies and guidelines of the College, Program, and the affiliating agency.
- Treat others with respect.
- Provide patient care only when the instructor is on the premises.
- Maintain personal appearance according to program policies.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Report promptly to the clinical area and clinical conferences.
- Notify the instructor and unit personnel prior to lateness or absence.
- Attend all clinical sessions.
- Report to instructor and assigned staff member when coming on and leaving the clinical area.
- Prepare for clinical experiences by collecting patient data and researching and developing a preliminary plan of care.
- Cooperate with others on the health care team.
- Report all pertinent information, including abnormal findings, to the clinical instructor and staff member or designated person.
- Participate in pre- and post- conference and share learning experiences with others.
- Accept responsibility for assignment (e.g. complete assignment, complete own work, perform ongoing chart review for changes).
- Seek instructor's guidance before performing new or invasive procedures, administering a medication, or when changes occur in the patient's status.
- Apply knowledge from previous courses.
- Adhere consistently to all over riders.
- Practice nursing using legal/ethical principles that demonstrate cultural sensitivity.

SECTION 22: SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENT AGREEMENT

Students are expected to comply with all policies, procedures and regulations of Miami Dade College and all Academic and Program policies of the School of Nursing.

It shall be your responsibility to receive, become thoroughly familiar with and adhere to any expectations and policies as outlined in the most recent printing of:

- School of Nursing Handbook
- School of Nursing Lecture, Laboratory, and Clinical Schedule
- School of Nursing Program Objectives and Syllabi
- MDC Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook
- Student Confidentiality Statement

It is the student's responsibility to engage in behaviors that will lead to the successful attainment of all course objectives and competencies. This includes adhering to all information outlined in the School of Nursing Handbook. It is the responsibility of the School of Nursing and the Nursing program instructors to direct, assist, and encourage the student in the successful attainment of all course objectives and the fulfillment of Program competencies. This includes administering and enforcing all information outlined in the School of Nursing Handbook as well as providing appropriate didactic, laboratory, and clinical instruction; conducting periodic evaluations (testing) of progress; and informing students of that progress.

MDC ASSOCIATE IN NURSING STUDENT HANDBOOK

Having received and read the School of Nursing Program Description, Policies and Procedures, I agree to obtain, read, and adhere to the listed informational material. I also agree to adhere and comply with the Handbook of MDC and the Nursing Program described herein.

My signature below acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Handbook and affirms my agreement to abide by all information described therein.

Student Name (Print): _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

MDC ID #: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

CHANGES IN CLINICAL SITES, HOURS, DAYS, AND CLINICAL AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Benjamín León School of Nursing (BLSON) makes every effort to respect student choices for clinical rotations. However, our clinical site placements are completely dependent upon hospitals making sites available to us. When hospitals change or deny our placements, we must be flexible and make alternative assignments. All students must be prepared for clinical rotations that can be rescheduled to any day of the week (Sunday-Saturday), and any time of the day or evening. Students are not guaranteed a particular site, day of the week, time frame or faculty member until the first day of the clinical rotation. The BLSON will notify students via MDC email as soon as we know that clinical courses must be rescheduled to another day, time, place or instructor.

Furthermore, our clinical sites may change requirements such as more frequent PPDs, additional drug screens, or additional background checks with little notice. Because of the continuously changing requirements, the Benjamín León School of Nursing reserves the right to change, alter or modify the requirements for students entering any particular clinical site at any time during their enrollment in the nursing program. If a student is out of compliance with the clinical site to which they are assigned, he or she may have to sit out the semester, if an alternate site is not available. Students will be notified in writing via MDC email of any changes in clinical requirements at the earliest possible time.

Several clinical agencies require students to attend a hospital-based orientation prior to the first day of clinical. Students will be notified at least one week prior to the orientation. Students failing to attend this orientation session will be administratively withdrawn from the course.

I have read the above paragraphs, and acknowledge that I have been informed about possible changes in clinical sites, hours, days, and clinical agency requirements, and mandatory orientations. I have also been informed that failure to meet current clinical agency requirements may result in my being administratively withdrawn from a clinical course. I further understand that alternative clinical sites may not be available should I not comply with specific agency requirements.

Student Name (Print): _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

MDC ID #: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____



College Medical Campus

STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

As a student enrolled in a Miami Dade College health care program, I am aware of my responsibility for maintaining confidentiality of patient information that may become available to me in the course of my studies. Such information is protected and confidential under applicable federal and state laws and affiliation agreements between the college and affiliating health care agencies.

I will not reveal any patient information to any third party, except as authorized by law or as authorized by the affiliating agency. I will not use any patient identifying information, such as name or initials, on paperwork or electronic transmissions submitted to the college in the course of my studies. I will only discuss patient information or a patient's medical condition at the affiliating agency in settings away from the general public and only with authorized personnel at the affiliating agency. I further understand that in a classroom setting I will only discuss patients and their medical conditions in a manner that does not in any way identify the patient.

I agree to comply with all patient information privacy policies and procedures of Miami Dade College and the affiliating agency. I understand that violating this Confidentiality Statement may result in criminal and civil penalties against me for violating federal and state patient information privacy laws.

_____ Date
_____ Student Name
_____ Signature

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

NCLEX Pass Rates	2020 83.21% Source: NCSBN Pearson VUE
Completion Rates	2019-2020 53.21% on time 79.08% overall Source: MDC Benjamin Leon School of Nursing internal tracking
Job Placement Rates	2019-2020 90% in employed in Nursing 96% employed overall Source: ASN End of Program Student Survey

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