

Procedure: Nursing students clinical experience

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Responsible Department: Nursing Services

Scope: Nursing Service staff members



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This procedure is authorized by the university's policy on providing a meaningful clinical experience for student nurses in and around our community.

- (A) The day-to-day implementation of this procedure will be the responsibility of Nursing Services. UTMHC will provide the facilities and a learning environment for the nursing students' clinical experience and maximum utilization of the clinical facilities.
- (B) Procedure
 - (1) The clinical facilities at UTMHC will be utilized by nursing students from local universities and colleges who have accredited Registered Nurse (RN) programs. A Staff Development representative and faculty members from the programs will communicate as necessary to determine allocation of available clinical units and numbers of students on each unit.
 - (2) The nursing programs provide clinical instructors in the hospital to assign and supervise students. The Nursing Staff Development Department provides the necessary orientation for these instructors and nursing staff personnel are available to provide assistance and answer any questions from instructors or students. When indicated, senior nursing students in certain programs are assigned a preceptor (a staff nurse deemed competent) during their practicum experience.
 - (3) The clinical faculty member, the nursing student, and the RN assigned to the patient will effectively communicate throughout the shift so that care is coordinated, and all assigned duties and nursing tasks get completed. Direct supervision of the nursing student may be delegated to UTMHC RNs but ultimate responsibility for the actions and practice of the student nurse is a function of the program assigned clinical affiliate. All faculty members

must meet qualifications set forth by the Ohio Board of Nursing (Administrative Code 4723.5.10).

- (4) All nursing students and Clinical Instructors/faculty members are expected to follow hospital and Nursing Service policies, guidelines, procedures, and standards of care.
- (5) Short term and observational experiences are provided for nursing students from other programs. These arrangements are made through the Nursing Administration Department/Office of Volunteers.

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