Standard Precaution Policy

The purpose of the Standard Precaution Policy is to detail how students are educated about the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Recommended Standard Precautions and to describe these Standard Precautions. Students must be aware of the current recommendations from the CDC and adhere to these guidelines to assist in the prevention of accidental transmission of communicable diseases.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy

Information on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Recommended Standard Precautions is disseminated to the students during their orientation to the School of Nursing. Each student is required to acknowledge receipt of this information during new student orientation.

2.0 Procedure

1. The programmatic offices are responsible for the dissemination of updated information concerning the CDC’s Recommended Standard Precautions and a review of the School of Nursing’s policies dealing with communicable diseases.

2. The School of Nursing adheres to the most current Standard Precautions as designated by the Centers for Disease control found at the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/hai/settings/outpatient/outpatient-care-guidelines.html

3. The CDC’s Recommended Standard Precautions are addressed in the required orientation materials completed by students.

4. After completing a review of the CDC Guidelines for Standard Precautions, students sign an acknowledgement that they are responsible to adhere to the guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control while providing nursing care in the clinical setting. This acknowledgement is maintained by the Student Affairs Office in the student’s file.