Operating Policy and Procedure

SON OP 30.730 – Clinical Setting Policy & Procedure

PURPOSE
The purpose of the School of Nursing Clinical Setting Operating Policy and Procedure (SON OP) is to provide guidance about safeguarding the role of the student in the clinical and didactic setting to minimize potential role related confusion.

REVIEW
The OP will be reviewed biennially by September 1 of each even numbered year (ENY) by the applicable Associate Dean/Department Chair, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

Clinical settings present unique challenges and responsibilities while caring for patients in a variety of health care settings. Students enrolled in the BSN program may be licensed or certified healthcare providers seeking a Baccalaureate degree. These healthcare providers may be employed by hospitals, clinics, or community service organizations and working during the time other undergraduate students are participating in clinical activities in that facility.

To promote a healthy academic and clinical environment, students currently enrolled or attending didactic or clinical activities cannot supervise other students also currently enrolled or attending didactic or clinical activities at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Undergraduate program. It is expected that BSN students will be paired with RN’s in the clinical setting; however a LVN may be the primary nurse for a patient and may supervise the Undergraduate student as long as the LVN is not currently enrolled as a student at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Undergraduate program.