TITLE: STUDENT GENERAL HEALTH POLICY

POLICY: If a student has an illness or has sustained an injury that could be aggravated by college or clinical laboratory experiences or could possibly place a patient/client at risk, that student has an obligation to seek appropriate diagnosis and treatment. The student also has responsibility to report injuries/illnesses which interfere with course requirements to faculty and/or campus director.

RATIONALE: As future nursing professionals, students must learn the impact of health on performance. Clients who seek assistance from nursing professionals, including students, are vulnerable because of their altered health or risk status and deserve protection. Nursing students who are unsafe because of illness or other impairments should not have contact with clients.

RECOMMENDATIONS: In the interest of the student's health, it is recommended that each student acquire a thorough health history and physical examination prior to taking nursing courses and that the examination include vision and hearing screening.

REQUIREMENTS: All nursing students are required to carry individual or group comprehensive health insurance coverage every semester they are enrolled.

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