

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

POLICY # C-12: PROCEDURE

TITLE: STUDENT REFUSAL OF A CLINICAL ASSIGNMENT

PROCEDURE: The following procedure applies to refusals over the entire program, not just in a single clinical course.

Request for Religious and/or Ethical Reasons

1. A student who refuses to provide nursing care to a client will have a conference with the faculty making the assignment. Discussion will include the reasons for refusal and a plan to deal with similar patient assignments in the future. The student will provide a dated written request which includes aspects of the care or treatment of a patient from which the student is requesting to be excused. The Campus Director will review the request and discuss any potential problems with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and provide disposition of the request in writing to the student. If possible, a comparable assignment to meet course objectives will be given for that clinical day. A note summarizing the refusal and conference, the written request, and administrative written disposition will be placed in the student's academic record.

2. If a nursing student refuses to provide nursing care to an assigned client outside of the above criteria or approved exceptions, the faculty members and Campus Director, in consultation with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs may remove the student from all clinical settings as per [CON Policy C-6](#).