

Clinical Rotations for Nursing Students at Ascension Southeast Michigan

Ascension Health Southeast MI (AHSEMI) hospitals continue to welcome nursing students for clinical rotations. Students may provide direct care to our patients in respiratory isolation provided they have been fit tested with the proper respiratory masks and follow Ascension safety precautions. These units are identified in ACEMAPP. We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines for healthcare facilities until further notice.

Please note that we reserve the right to cancel a clinical rotation at any time for COVID-19 related reasons for the safety of the patient, associate, and student.

Updates:

Each facility and department may have a slight variation in their hospital entry process. Follow signage at the hospital entrances for any changes or updates.

Screening process:

Ascension continues to follow the latest CDC recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

- Students and faculty with an exposure to a person with a known COVID 19 infection must follow school and Ascension guidelines for a COVID exposure prior to returning to the clinical rotation. Guidelines follow the CDC strategy.
- Faculty/school must notify the unit manager and the Affiliate Team (Lori Hamm or Ann DePetris) of a positive test.

Masks:

- Ascension will provide appropriate surgical or procedure masks to all students and faculty upon entrance into the hospital.
- Face shields are not required and are not distributed.
- Additional masks may be distributed to students on the units depending upon the patient population.
- Students should be fit tested at their school with a certified fit tester if they will be providing care to specific patients that fall under a respiratory isolation category. N95 masks will be provided on the units.
- Cloth masks are not permitted; although some hospitals may approve cloth masks for certain associates with skin sensitivities with a surgical mask worn over the cloth mask.
- Masks must be properly worn always when inside the hospital.

Social distancing:

- Cohort sizes in some disciplines will be limited - this will be communicated in advance of rotations starting.
- Pre and post conferences may resume in reserved conference rooms. Contact the appropriate security department for room reservations. Faculty should check with the unit leadership if pre and post conferences are permitted on the units. We ask that you continue to consider virtual meetings or back on campus.
- Use stairs vs. elevators when possible; please comply with numbers posted on elevator signage.
- Social distancing continues to be encouraged in all areas of the hospital including conference rooms and in the Cafeteria.