

LEGACY HEALTH

PATIENT CARE

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SECTION: ADMINISTRATIVE

SUBJECT: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENT NURSES AND PARAMEDIC OR EMT STUDENTS

FACILITY:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center | (as applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> LEMC only <input type="checkbox"/> RCH only <input type="checkbox"/> Unity only) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Medical Group |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Urgent Care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Visiting Nurse Association (Hospice) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Lab Services |
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POPULATION: ☒ Adult ☒ Pediatric ☒ Neonate

(Adult > 18 years of age; Pediatric 0-18 and adult patients under care of a pediatric specialty physician at RCH; Neonate 0-28 days and continued hospitalization in the NICU)

OBJECTIVE: Provide effective clinical learning experiences for students while retaining full responsibility for the quality of patient care and assuring patient safety.

TEXT:

1. Student learning experiences must be pre-approved by the appropriate administrators of Clinical Practice Support or the applicable Legacy clinical department.
2. Clinical Education Agreements must be negotiated, signed, and in place between each school and Legacy before any students may be accepted by Legacy for education or training.
3. Refer to Policy 100.91 Health Professions Student Rotations for additional requirements for student placements.

In addition, written agreements negotiated for students participating in hospice care shall also comply with OAR 333-027-0060(3).

4. All student training must abide by the professional practice laws of the State of Oregon or Washington (as *applicable*), the rules and guidelines set forth by the accreditation bodies for the applicable school program(s), and all Legacy policies and protocols for the applicable clinical discipline(s).
5. Student clinical placements are coordinated between Clinical Practice Support or the Legacy clinical department manager/designee, and the requesting school.

KEY POINT: Graduate nursing students should be referred to Clinical Practice Support for direct coordination of placement.

6. The following are minimum requirements for student clinical placements:
 - a. Faculty Instructors will contact the Legacy Manager or Preceptor before the beginning of the clinical rotation to confirm the planned clinical experience.
 - b. Students, Faculty Instructors, and Legacy Managers/Preceptors will discuss objectives and expectations for the clinical rotation.
 - c. Legacy reserves the right to determine the extent of any student's participation in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures or any other training activities.

7. Any Faculty Instructor of a pre-licensure student who is not on-site shall contact the Legacy Manager or Preceptor as mutually agreed upon, but no less than once during the training period to review student performance and/or learning objectives. Nursing Faculty Instructors of pre-licensure students must contact the Legacy Manager or Preceptor each week during the training period.
8. Faculty Instructors are expected to communicate relevant concerns and issues to the Legacy Manager or Preceptor and Clinical Practice Support in a timely manner.
9. The Legacy employed staff responsible for patient care shall maintain responsibility over all aspects of patient care and safety and provide additional supervision to students involved in the care of such patients. The student shall follow the instructions of the Faculty Instructor, however the primary responsibility for the patient rests with the Legacy employed staff member. Should patient care instructions differ between those offered by the Legacy employed staff member and the Faculty Instructor, the student is to follow the instructions given by the Legacy employee.

KEYPOINT: *RN, Chaplain/Spiritual Care Counselor, PT, PTA, OT, OTA, SLP and MSW students may only provide patient care under direct supervision of a licensed professional of the same discipline.*

10. Clinical record entries by students shall be communicated to the licensed Legacy employed caregiver prior to entry. Each entry in the clinical record by a student shall be read, independently verified, and co-signed by the supervising Legacy-employed staff member. Co-signing the student's entry reflects that independent verification of the charted information has occurred.
 - a. Nursing or paramedic students in clinical practice as students may administer prescribed medications by accepted routes that are within the scope of their competency according to the level of their education (refer to policy #900.3102 Medications: Administration).
 - b. All medication calculations and preparation should be checked by the Legacy RN assigned to the patient, or the clinical faculty member prior to administration; doses administered shall be cosigned or proxy charted on the electronic medication administration record by Legacy RN or faculty. In cases where faculty checks and/or cosigns medication administered by the student, the Legacy RN assigned to patient must be informed.
11. Students are required to document all, or any care provided according to LH policy and communicate to the LH staff person responsible for the patient's care.
12. The pre-licensure student nurse may remove central lines only with direct supervision of assigned Legacy RN or faculty and only when Legacy RN deems appropriate. The pre-licensure student nurse may discontinue a peripheral line under direct supervision from the Legacy RN or faculty. The pre-licensure student nurse SHALL NOT remove arterial or epidural lines, femoral sheaths, or pulmonary artery catheters.
13. Students may not:
 - a. Witness legal documents
 - b. Witness and/or co-sign waste of controlled substances
 - c. Co-sign for blood transfusion
 - d. Independently accept a verbal or telephone order

KEYPOINT: *Student nurses may monitor patients while receiving blood or blood products and document assessment during transfusion.*

14. School must notify participating students that they are required to obtain prior written approval from Legacy and School before publishing any material relating to their internship training experience or the Program.

15. The requirements set forth in this policy are the minimum requirements for student clinical placements at Legacy. Individual departments or programs may have additional requirements.

KEY POINT: *Graduate nursing student requirements are documented by individual students and confirmed by Clinical Practice Support.*

KEY POINT: *Under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 851-050-0002 for nurse practitioner students and under OAR 851-052-0040 for registered nurse anesthetist students, Oregon State Board approval must be obtained prior to starting a clinical practicum.*

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