GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE of NURSING and HEALTH SCIENCE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

**POLICY TITLE: STUDENT HEALTH**

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science reaffirms its commitment to nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, in that no otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the College because of race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap/disability, veteran status, marital status, or sex.

In light of the above, the College does not discriminate against any individual based on the perception that she/he is infected, or because of an individual's familial responsibility for a person with an infectious process.

The College is located on the Good Samaritan Hospital campus. Therefore, there are specific health requirements that must be met by all students in order to protect the health of hospital patients. The requirements are contained in this policy.

TriHealth Employee Health is located on Level 7M of Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) and is available to students Monday through Friday for clinical-related illnesses or injury.

**A. IMMUNIZATIONS/TB TESTS**

1. All immunizations must be kept up to date. Any failure to do so may prevent students from progression in the program.
2. Each student must schedule immunizations and the TB test with the Employee Health Department or provide valid documentation to the Employee Health Department from a physician or employer.
3. A two-step TB test is required initially and then one TB test annually thereafter. There is no fee for TB testing.
4. There is no fee for the annual flu immunization. There is a fee for the other immunizations administered in the Employee Health Department.

**B. HEALTH INSURANCE**

Health insurance is highly recommended for all students. Students will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred.

**C. INJURY**

1. When an injury occurs in the College or in a directed clinical experience, the student must report to Employee Health or to the agency as soon as possible after the injury for evaluation. Treatment is given and physician referral is made if necessary.
2. All injury/illness incidents must be reported by completing and submitting the appropriate forms, which are available in Employee Health.

**D. BLOOD-BORNE EXPOSURES**

1. When a blood-borne exposure occurs in the College or in a college-directed clinical experience, the student must complete the required safety event report and must report to the Employee Health Department or to the agency within two (2) hours after the

injury or exposure for evaluation. Treatment is given and physician referral is made if necessary.

2. If the Employee Health Department is closed or if there is no mechanism for follow-up at the agency, the student must go to the TriHealth Emergency Room within two (2) hours for treatment. This is the only situation in which TriHealth will be responsible for TriHealth Emergency Room charges.

**E. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

1. All exposure to communicable disease must be reported immediately to the Employee Health Department.
2. Students who are diagnosed with any infectious disease or process, including, but not limited to, hepatitis, HIV infection or AIDS, are required to disclose their condition to the Employee Health nurse.
3. The College will adhere to the guidelines outlined in the TriHealth/Good Samaritan Hospital Policy: Blood-Borne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan. For a copy of this policy, please contact college administrative personnel.

**F. STUDENTS IN COURSES WITH A CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

1. Students will rigorously comply with all hospital/agency guidelines for minimizing the risk of exposure to blood and body fluids of all patients.
2. Hospital/agency guidelines concerning infectious processes are reviewed at the beginning of each nursing course.
3. Students are provided with current information throughout the curriculum on the modes of acquiring and transmitting infectious disease in the clinical setting.
4. Students are provided throughout the curriculum with thorough instruction in protective precautions in the care of patients with infectious disease.

**G. ILLNESS**

1. When Employee Health is closed, the student who is ill or experiencing an emergency should call his/her private physician.
2. Treatment in the TriHealth Emergency Department will be rendered at the expense of the student <u>except</u> for the situation in Blood Borne Exposures D.2. above.
3. After an extended illness or surgery, the student must bring a statement from a physician to the Department Chair indicating the ability of the student to return to class and/or the clinical area. The physician's statement should also list any restrictions.

**H. CONFIDENTIALITY**

All student health records are confidential and are located and maintained in the Employee Health Department.

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