



School of Nursing

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I. Policy Statement

To minimize risk to participants and equipment all individuals using the School of Nursing Clinical Learning and Simulation Centre (CLSC) will adhere to the required code of conduct and sign the Code of Conduct Agreement.

II. Reason for Policy

The CLSC is a learning resource for nursing students, health sciences students in the Faculty of Health Professions, and other learners participating in interprofessional learning opportunities. It is intended to mimic a clinical environment in order to provide the level of realism/fidelity required to promote experiential learning. The equipment in the laboratory is fragile, expensive and must be protected from damage. The lab exposes students to hazards that may be encountered in the clinical settings, such as sharp instruments and glass ampoules.

Process: CLSC Required Code of Conduct

1. All students and users of the CLSC must read, agree to confirm to the CLSC Code of Conduct Agreement and sign the agreement prior to being admitted to the lab. This is done in their first lab encounter by CLSC faculty when the lab conduct is reviewed with them. Agreements are placed in the student's file at the end of each semester.
2. Faculty, Instructors or lab staff must be present while students are in the lab. At no time can the lab be left open and unattended.
3. Occupational Health and Safety and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHIMIS) Regulations will be adhered to in the operations of the CLSC by faculty and staff.
4. No food or beverages may be taken into the lab.

5. Leave the clinical environment tidy at all times. Report any missing or damaged parts to the lab staff.
6. Appropriate dress conforms to the SON Uniform Policy. The Dalhousie Nursing uniforms are to be worn at all times by students in the lab. Faculty may wear scrubs or lab coats.
7. Backpacks and outer clothing are to be placed on chairs or metal storage carts in the lab. No personal items are to be placed on the hospital beds or floor to be a tripping hazard.
8. Patient simulators are to be treated respectfully – as if they are real patients. Appropriate handling, positioning and transferring, and draping are required.
9. Patient simulators and manikin parts, lab equipment, charts or lab reference books are NOT to be removed from the lab by students at any times or for any reason.
10. Contents from lab kits that are likely to be interpreted as biohazardous waste (catheters, needles, dressing supplies, etc.) MUST be returned to the lab for appropriate disposal. Protect all lab kit supplies from inappropriate use, loss, or disposal in keeping with legal and regulatory requirements for biohazardous waste.
11. Ballpoint pens or permanent/indelible markers are not permitted near the bedside units or near the patient simulators. All charting must be done at the counter or tables provided.
12. The high fidelity patient simulators are to be used only during simulation class with faculty and lab staff supervision. Protective gloves are required to be worn at all times when working with simulators.
13. If you hear a fire alarm, leave the lab quickly and calmly through the main lab door and out the main door. Alternate route exists through the back doors of the lab on the University Avenue side Faculty or lab staff will be the last to leave the lab and will secure the door.

III. Departments or Areas Affected By This Policy

School of Nursing

- All faculty and students

IV. Responsibilities for the Implementation of this Policy

- CLSC faculty and staff
- Clinical and laboratory faculty in the CLSC
- Faculty teaching course with laboratory or simulation components.

V. Web Address For Faculty of Health Professions/School of Nursing Student Policies

[Student Policies](#)

VI. Related Resources and References

Humber College School of Health Sciences Policy 2007/2008

Dalhousie School of Nursing Uniform Policy

University Policies and Documents
<i>FHP Professional Unsuitability Policy</i>
<i>Inter University scent free guidelines</i>
University Forms and Systems
Clinical Learning and Simulation Centre Code of Conduct Agreement