



**FACULTY OF NURSING  
N95 Requirements for All Nursing Students**

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- Purpose**
- 1** The purpose of this operating standard is to:
    - a) ensure compliance with the Faculty’s contractual obligations with various practice partners by verifying that all Nursing Students have been Fit-Tested for an N95 mask.
    - b) ensure the safety of Students and clients/patients.

**Scope**

- 2** This operating standard applies to all Nursing Students.

- Definitions**
- 3** In this operating standard:
    - a) “Faculty” means the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus).
    - b) “Student” means an Undergraduate or Graduate Student within the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary (Calgary Campus).

- c) "Fit Testing" is an assessment process which ensures that individuals are wearing the proper mask size and type for the shape of their face and head. A proper mask fit ensures that particulates are properly filtered and that no leaks occur around the seal.
- d) "HSPnet" refers to a comprehensive web-based system for managing practice education in the health sciences.
- e) "N95" is a type of respirator mask that health care providers may be required to wear in the practice setting to help protect against certain communicable diseases.

- Standard/Practice**      **4**      **4.1** In accordance with the Faculty's contractual obligations with practice partners, Students are required to be Fit Tested for a N95 mask.
- 4.2** It is the Students professional and ethical responsibility to arrange for N95 Fit Testing every two years or earlier if the expiration on their card is less than 2 years.
- 4.3** On admission and prior to expiry thereafter, proof of N95 Fit Testing must be presented to the immunization program coordinator or delegate for tracking purposes.
- 4.4** Accommodations may be made for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons.

- Responsibilities**      **5**      **5.1** Student will:
- a) arrange for N95 Fit Testing to occur upon entry to the BN Program and every two year thereafter.
  - b) provide proof of N95 Fit Testing to the Immunization Program Coordinator for tracking purposes.
- 5.2** The Immunization Program Coordinator will:
- c) connect yearly with AHS to ensure that no changes have been made to the acceptable N95 masks.
  - d) update N95 information and requirements as necessary, ensuring notification to Students.
  - e) introduce self and briefly discusses N95 at student orientations.
  - f) verify proof of N95 Fit Testing upon admission and make record of it in HSPnet.
  - g) will meet with any student who requests accommodations for valid, documented medical and/or religious reasons to discuss implications

pertaining to ongoing clinical placements.

- h) ensure proof of N95 Fit Testing is presented prior to expiry and make record of it in HSPnet.
- i) send reminders to students regarding N95 expiry.
- j) notify the Associate Dean, Undergraduate or Graduate Programs, if a Student has not been Fit Tested or if Fit Testing has expired, as well as NPCC and NI if they are registered in clinical courses.
- k) advise the Undergraduate or Graduate Programs Office to block course registration for any Student who is non-compliant until such time as proof is presented.

**5.3** The Associate Dean, Undergraduate or Graduate Programs, (or Designate) will:

- a) meet with any Student who is non-compliant to discuss implications pertaining to ongoing clinical placements.

<b>Related Policies</b>	<b>6</b>	OPERATING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FN003: FACULTY OF NURSING, N95 Requirements for All Faculty Members
<b>Related Information</b>	<b>7</b>	Student Placement Agreement (July 30, 2013) – The Board of Governors of the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services.  University of Calgary Calendar, <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/">http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/</a> , University Calendar, Faculty of Nursing, 3. Faculty Regulations, 3.1 Admissions, N-95 Fit Testing (Student Policy)
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