



# POLICY

<b>SUBJECT/TITLE:</b> Student Signature on Documentation in Practice Areas (Undergraduate and Graduate Programs)		<b>PAGE:</b> 1 of 2
<b>RELATED POLICY:</b>	<b>DATE ESTABLISHED:</b> 2001	
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**Purpose:** To ensure consistency in how University of Calgary Nursing students are signing off on all required documentation in practice/clinical settings.

**Policy:** To ensure that Nursing students follow documentation standards and guidelines which align with the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA).

**Process:** All documentation must be signed using first initial, full legal surname and designation (in English).

Students will abide by the prevailing charting/documentation policies of the facility locally, provincially, nationally, or internationally.

When documenting on a health record, the following designations will be used:

**BN Student:**

*C. Surname*, SN2 UCalgary [or MHC]

[SN = Student Nurse, # = Year of Program i.e. Term 3 and 4 = Year 2; Term 5 and 6 = Year 3; Term 7 and 8 = Year 4]

**MN Student:**

*C. Surname*, RN MN Student UCalgary

**MNNP Student**

*C. Surname*, RN MNNP Student UCalgary

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**Post Master's NP**

*C. Surname*, RN MN PMNP Student UCalgary

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**\*PMNP students might have a different designation e.g. MSc.**

**PhD**

*C. Surname*, RN PhD Student Pre Candidacy UCalgary

*C. Surname*, RN PhD Student Post Candidacy UCalgary

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