

### **OPERATING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES**

# 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.
  - b) "Student" means an Undergraduate or Graduate Student within the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary.
  - 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

- **4.1** 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.
- 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.

#### **Related Policies**

**6** OPERATING STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FN003: FACULTY OF NURSING, N95 Requirements for All Faculty Members

#### **Related Information**

7 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)

#### History

**8** Approved by:

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