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POLICY TITLE: SIMULATION LABORATORY POLICY

Introduction

This state-of-the-art laboratory contains realistic adult, infant and child manikins. Some manikins are computer controlled to present a myriad of physiological states to give the student a realistic and authentic learning experience. Each student is expected to fully participate in all aspects of the laboratory experience.

Simulation Scenarios

Simulating case scenarios in the simulation laboratory involves active participation for all students. Manikins are to be used with respect and treated as if they are live patients. The simulation lab is a learning environment. Situations simulated in the lab are to be used as a learning tool and no discussion of the actions of students should take place outside of the lab. A debriefing session will be provided for all simulation experiences.

Confidentiality

In order to preserve the realism of the scenarios used in the Lab and to provide an equitable learning experience for each student, all persons using the Lab will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement (see attached copy of confidentiality agreement). The scenarios are not to be discussed outside of the simulation and debriefing sessions. This is to protect the value of the experience for those who will eventually take part in the clinical scenarios. If the student discloses any simulation information, it is considered cheating and the student will receive a failing grade for the simulation, may be excluded from any further simulation experiences and may be subject to disciplinary action outlined in the Student Handbook. Students are expected to uphold all requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Students agree to report any violations to the faculty or instructor.

Lab Equipment

In the event that a piece of equipment comes up missing or is broken, it is the responsibility of the student to report it to the faculty. Below is the list of rules each student must adhere to concerning equipment:

1. When working in the simulation lab, students must wash their hands upon entering with soap and water.
2. Always use gloves when working with mannequins or task trainers.
3. Supplies and equipment must not be taken out of the lab unless requested and signed out by an instructor.

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4. The medical and disposable equipment within the center should never be used for clinical purposes. However, it should be treated with the same safety precautions employed with actual clinical equipment.
5. Equipment should be disposed of appropriately. (sharp's containers, trash cans)
6. Computers and video equipment are for class purposes only.
7. There may come a time that equipment might get broken or become missing. It is your responsibility, as a student of the University of Houston nursing program to report it to an instructor. If the equipment is maliciously damaged, the student will be responsible for replacement of said equipment and could be academically withdrawn from the program.
8. At the end of the scenario, students must return all equipment and supplies to the proper location.
9. Beds should be remade and left in the lowest position with the bed rails up.
10. No Betadine will be used on mannequins. (stains mannequin)
11. No ink pens or markers to be used on mannequins or task trainers.
12. Use of 22 G IV or smaller for IV starts is preferred.

Conduct

Students shall approach all simulators and actors as if they were in a clinical setting. Students will not only be measured on their clinical judgment and application of required skills but also on their ability to show empathy, respect, integrity and diplomacy towards everyone involved in the learning experience. At no time shall a student behave in a manner that disrupts the other students learning environment.

Any viewing or publication outside of the classroom, such as posting on YouTube or other social media sites, is unacceptable and unethical and will result in disciplinary action.

Student Conduct/Behavior

1. All users of the lab space must act in a manner that does not disturb the academic activities occurring in the lab.
2. No lab user shall infringe upon the privacy, rights, privileges, health, or safety of other lab users.
3. No eating or drinking is allowed in the lab.
4. Do not use the equipment for any purpose other than specified; anyone who fails to comply with this request will be asked to leave the center.
5. Adherence to the dress code, S138, is expected unless otherwise directed by faculty.
6. Do not remove the manikin from the bed unless instructed to do so.
7. Do not disconnect or move the patient simulators.
8. Remember that even though you are in a simulated environment you are to conduct yourself as if you were at a clinical site.

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University of Houston College of Nursing CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT for the Simulation Laboratory

As a patron of the Simulation Laboratory, I understand the significance of confidentiality with respect to information concerning simulated patients and fellow students.

I will uphold the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

I agree to report any violations of confidentiality that I become aware of to my faculty.

I have received and understand the University of Houston College of Nursing Simulation Laboratory Policies.

I further acknowledge that failure to comply with the Simulation Laboratory Student Handbook rules will result in disciplinary actions up to and including being dismissed from the program.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____