



Course Syllabus: Clinical Decision-making and Clinical
College of Health Sciences and Human Services
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Course Description

This course is an application of clinical judgment skills. Emphasis is placed on integrating previously learned concepts and theories with the student in the role of coordinator of care. Critical thinking is applied in resolving actual clinical problems.

Pre-requisites: Family Health Nursing Care II and Clinical, Pediatric Nursing Care and Clinical, and Leadership
 Credit hours: Five credit hours with three lecture hours and six clinical hours per week

Course Objectives

<p>AACN Essentials: For further information regarding the AACN Essentials identified for each course objective, refer to http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/Publications/BaccEssentials08.pdf</p> <p>DEC Competencies: In the DEC Competencies below, the following designations apply: I: Provider of Patient-centered Care, II: Coordinator of Care, III: Patient Safety Advocate, and IV: Member of the Health Care Team. For further information regarding the competencies identified for each course objective, refer to http://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/publication_pdfs/delc-2010.pdf</p>		
Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:	AACN	DEC
1. Apply the theories and concepts learned throughout the program to clinical situations.	I, VII	I - A, B, C, D II - A, B, C, D, E, F III - B, D, E, F IV - C, D, E, V
2. Utilize problem-solving approaches in recognizing and meeting patient care needs.	I, IX	I - B, C, D II - B, D
3. Apply clinical judgment skills in the coordination of patient care.	I, IX	I - A, B II - B, C, D, E III - B
4. Implement the nursing role of coordinator of care.	II, VI, VII, VIII, IX	I - B II - B, C, D, E III - B, F IV - A, C, D, F
5. Integrate effective communication, research, and teaching-learning principles in coordinating patient care.	II, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX	I - B II - A, B, C, F III - B, D, E IV - A, C, D, E, F
6. Evaluate effective and non-effective nursing interventions in providing care to patients.	I, II, IV, VII, VIII, IX	I - B, D II - B, C III - B IV - D
7. Examine the legal, ethical, cultural, economic, and spiritual issues related to the care of patients.	II, VII, VIII, IX	I - A II - B, C III - E, F

Required Textbooks and Supplies
Pathophysiology or Medical-surgical textbook

Lippincott DocuCare and PassPoint. Purchase website is
<https://lippincottdirect.lww.com/NursingEducation-MidwesternStateUniversityWichitaFalls-Spring2021>

DocuCare Class codes: Section 201 – Prof. Anderson – **D5DBAC26**
Section 202 – Prof. Groth - **B8717B8D**
Section 203 – Prof. Platt - **4BA7D8BF**

PassPoint Class code: **951C0605**

Top Hat (will receive an e-mail to purchase and join the course)

Nursing Central.

Examplify for ExamSoft access

Laptop computer or computer tablet

Learning Experiences

Students are expected to be self-directed in the acquisition of basic nursing knowledge. Learning activities available to students include by are not limited to:

1. Course activities (NURS 4613): Information relevant to each unit of study will be presented prior to and in class. Students should come to class prepared to participate using Nursing Central resources.
2. Clinical (NURS 4612): A total of 90 clinical hours will be completed.
3. Readings (NURS 4613 and 4612): Assigned readings are essential for each unit of study.
4. Desire 2 Learn (D2L) supplement: Is available as a communication tool. Students are expected to check their D2L course for course announcements each 24 hours.
5. Midwestern State University BSN Handbook: Is available from the MSU homepage. Refer to: [BSN Student Handbook](#)

MSU Student Handbook

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Grading

Table 1: Course Grade

*Assignments	Percentage
**Unit Exams (4 exams each worth 18.75% of total grade)	75
***PassPoint activities	5
***Clinical Documentation (3 assignments each worth 5% of total grade)	15
***Course Activities	5
Total	100

Table 2: Course Grade Calculation

*The final course grade will be calculated in the following manner:
*There will be no rounding of grades except as necessary to accommodate the electronic testing and grade book limitations.
**Students must score at least a 74% average on the four unit exams. This is called the exam average. Students who pass clinical but do not earn at least a 74% average for the exam average will receive the exam average as the course and clinical grade.
***Students who earn at least a 74% average on the exam average and pass clinical will have the exams, PassPoint, clinical documentation, and course activities grades calculated as weighted in the table above as the course and clinical grade.
Students who fail clinical will receive an "F" as the course and clinical grade.

Table 3: Grading Scale

Grade	Points
A	90-100
B	89-80
C	74-79
D	65-73
F	Less than 65

Midterm Progress

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this course will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. Midterm grades will not be reported on the student's transcript; nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should schedule a meeting with the professor and seek out tutoring through the Tutoring & Academic Support Programs (link to the website <https://msutexas.edu/academics/tasp/>).

Course Activities

1. Throughout the semester, course activity points are offered. Students who complete the assignments when offered, earn the points.
2. Some of the course activity points are provided through the Top Hat platform.
3. Course lectures will be provided through the Top Hat platform and include course activities within them.
4. There are no make-up assignments for course activities.
5. Two missed-course activities will be dropped and the average of the remaining points will be used as the course activities grade in the calculation of the grade after a 74% exam average is obtained on the four objective exams.
6. For each day a clinical assignment is late without approval from the clinical instructor, five points will be deducted from the overall grade. This means if the student submits the assignment at 2331 on the day it is due to 2330 the day after it is due, 5 points will be deducted. Submission of 2331 through 2330 the following days will each receive a 5 point deduction.

PassPoint

1. Each student is required to enroll into PassPoint.
2. On Wednesday, January 15, 2021 at 1700, each student is to complete the NCLEX Practice #1 exam. The exam is adaptive. The minimum number of questions are 75 and the maximum 145. There is a five-hour time limit once the exam is begun.
3. Each week each student will complete one assignment on PassPoint as assigned. The quizzes within the assignment are adaptive and must be completed at a level 8 mastery.
4. Each quiz within the assignment must be at least 20 questions to receive the grading as indicated below. Any client need area where there is a quiz less than 20 questions will receive a 60% no matter the mastery accomplished.
5. For each assignment, the student is to complete a remediation log for up to 10 questions missed. Those logs are due on the Monday following the

assignment by 2330. The logs are to be submitted via the dropbox on D2L for the assignment.

6. The instructor will grade some of the remediation logs and the grades of those logs will be included in the PassPoint grade.

7. On April 21, 2021 each student is to complete the NCLEX Practice #2 exam. There is a five-hour time limit on this exam.

8. Grades will be assigned as such:

NCLEX Exam 1: 100% for a mastery level of 6 or higher.
80% for a mastery of 4 or 5.
60% for a mastery of less than 4.
0% if not completed as assigned.

NCLEX Exam 2: 100% for a mastery level of 8.
89% for a mastery level of 7.
74% for a mastery level of 6.
60% for a mastery level less than 6.
0% if not completed as assigned.

Quizzes: 100% - each at a mastery level of 8.
74% - each at a mastery level of 7.
0% - each at a mastery level less than 7.

Remediation: Graded using the remediation grading rubric in D2L.

DocuCare Assignments

1. Each student will complete three DocuCare Assignments.
2. Each assignment is completed within DocuCare.
3. Each student will upload the reference page for the sources used in the DocuCare Assignment into the Dropbox for that assignment on D2L. This activates that folder enabling the clinical instructor to grade the assignment.
4. Each assignment will be graded using the DocuCare Assignment Grading Rubric.
5. The due dates for the assignments are located on the course calendar.

Exams

1. Exam Soft requires loading Examplify application for taking course exams. Exam Soft is purchased online each semester.
2. The desks in DB 101 do not provide electrical outlets. It is the student's responsibility to provide an alternative charging source to ensure computer battery remains charged.
3. Students are responsible for having a compatible computer or tablet on which to participate in the course activities and take the exams.

4. Exam unit exam will be comprised of 45 multiple-choice questions and 5 Math for Nurses questions. Exams will be administered on four Thursdays from 1700-1820 in DB 101.
5. All exams are comprehensive.
6. Exam Soft will provide students with user identity codes, initial passwords, and instructions on how to load Examplify. Students must maintain ready access to user identity codes and passwords on exam days. If these access codes are not available for use, the student runs the risk of not taking an exam and earning a grade of zero.

Exam Administration Instructions

1. Answer each of the 50 questions.
2. You have 80 minutes to complete the exam.
3. The exam will timeout after 80 minutes.
4. Using resources other than your own memory will be considered academic dishonesty and result in an automatic zero on the exam.
5. Taking exam questions from the classroom will be considered academic dishonesty and result in an automatic zero on the exam.
6. Presence of a device capable of making a call, texting, or recording either text or voice in the classroom during the testing period will be considered academic dishonesty and result in an automatic zero on the exam whether the device was on or off and whether you had submitted the exam.
7. Grades will be sent with rationales for the questions missed after item analysis has been performed.
8. Upload the exam prior to leaving the classroom.
9. Close your computer prior to leaving the classroom.
10. Failure to return the scrap paper with your name on it prior to leaving the classroom will be considered academic dishonesty and result in an automatic zero on the exam.

Missed Exams

Should the student be absent from an exam, it is the student's responsibility to notify the course coordinator at least two hours prior to the exam or as soon as possible if an emergency is the cause of missing the exam. Students may make-up exams on the make-up exam session as documented on the course calendar.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in a zero for the exam(s) missed. Any make-up exam may be different from the original exam and may include multiple choice, essay, short answer, true and false, and/or matching questions.

Nursing Program Failure Policy

1. Students must meet all course requirements or a grade of F will be assigned.
2. Students are expected to pass both clinical and classroom components of the course. Failure in either clinical or classroom will result in failure in both. Clinical failure results in a course and clinical grade of F. Classroom failure results in the grade earned in the classroom for both course and clinical.
3. A student who withdraws/drops or receives a D or an F in two nursing courses must seek reentry to the nursing program to be eligible to continue in the program.
4. The faculty reserves the right to recommend to the School of Nursing Chair and College of Human Services and Health Sciences withdrawal of a student from the nursing program for health, legal, or academic reasons, particularly if client care is jeopardized. In addition, the student must perform within the ANA Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

University Policies

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to page 24 at <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/assets/files/handbook.pdf>.

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

This course adheres to the MSU Code of Conduct. In particular, academic dishonesty, however small, creates a breach in academic integrity. A student's participation in this course comes with the expectation that his or her work will be completed in full observance of the MSU Code of Student Conduct. A student should consult the current Student Handbook for answers to any questions about the code.

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of many resources available including online Desire 2 Learn course resources, Internet sites, other textbooks and journals, faculty, and peers when accomplishing objectives. This interactive collegial learning environment is conducive for life-long learning.

However, all components of the course are designed to represent the efforts of each student individually or each group of students individually when completing a group project and are not to be shared, copied, or plagiarized from other sources. When students submit their efforts for grading, they are attesting they abided by this rule.

Academic dishonesty includes cheating, collusion, plagiarism or the acquisition of tests or test questions and other academic materials such as test banks without the permission of the faculty. Cheating, collusion, or plagiarism is defined as: (1) cheating - intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, equipment, or study aids in any academic exercise; (2) collusion - the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit; (3) plagiarism - intentionally representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise.

Academic dishonesty (cheating, collusion, plagiarism, etc.) will not be tolerated in this class. Whenever a student is unsure of whether a particular situation will be interpreted as academic dishonesty, he or she should ask the instructor for clarification.

Any student found to be academically dishonest as defined above and under each assignment will automatically receive a grade of "0" on the assignment.

Instructor Drop

An instructor may drop a student at any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct. The instructor must give the students a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class. An instructor's drop of a student takes precedence over the student-initiated course drop of a later date. The instructor will assign a grade of either WF or F through the 8th week of a long 45 hours semester, the 6th week of a 10 week summer term, or the 11th class day of a 4 or 5 week summer term consisting of 20 days. After these periods, the grade will be an F. The date the instructor drop form is received in

the Office of the Registrar is the official drop date. Refer to page 27 at <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/assets/files/handbook.pdf>.

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place, which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#)

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Clinical Requirements

Clinical Hours Breakdown

Due to COVID-19, there has been limited access to direct patient care experiences. However, this semester some areas are reopening that were closed in previous semesters. Once final decisions have been made about the availability of direct patient experiences, clinical requirements will be revised.

Ideally, each student will complete three simulation experiences and six direct patient care experiences totaling 90 hours. Currently what is planned are three simulation experiences and two 12-hour direct patient care experiences. Both simulation and direct patient care experiences may be increased during the

semester. If there are not opportunities for more direct patient care, then virtual simulations will be added.

Clinical Compliance Requirements

Students are required to be compliant with immunizations, health insurance, liability insurance, and CPR via Castlebranch for the entire semester. Failure to maintain compliance will result in academic withdrawal from the course.

Students must complete all 90 clinical hours. This means students must complete all the clinical experiences. Failure to complete these hours will result in failure of the clinical component of the course.

Students are required to return to Dr. Lockhart at CE 440V the United Regional name badge, proximity card (both United Regional's and Kell West's if you were issued both), and parking placard. Failure to return these items will result in failure of the clinical component of the course. The procedure for returning these items are:

1. After the last day of clinicals, place the items in one of the bags/envelopes provided in a wire basket on the wall outside the office of CE 440V.
2. By the last day of classes, place the bag/envelope containing the items back into the wire basket on the wall located outside of the office of CE 440V.

Simulation experiences

1. Students are to wear the approved dress code attire and bring a pen, paper, watch with second hand, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, exam gloves, lab pack supplies, penlight and tape measure.
2. The student is to notify the Simulation Center prior to the experience if the student needs to cancel an appointment or reschedule the experience.
3. Rescheduling of simulation experiences is on an available basis. Should there be no option for the student to complete the experience, then the student will need to seek the assistance of the clinical instructor to make-up the clinical hours.
4. Reasons for non-approval of a simulation absence are:
 - a. Failure to notify the simulation lab prior to being absent.
 - b. Being absent for a reason other than personal illness or family or personal emergency situation.
 - c. Failure to show documentation of personal illness or family or personal emergency situation.

Patient-care experiences

1. Each student is scheduled for two patient-care experiences with a preceptor from the agency. More experiences may be scheduled at a later date.

2. Students are to report to the clinical agency by 0630 for day shift and 1830 for night shift, wearing the approved dress code attire and in possession of the required supplies (stethoscope, penlight, watch with a second hand, and a pen).
3. Students are to complete the top portion of the preceptor evaluation of the student form and give the form to the preceptor at the beginning of the rotation.
4. A thirty-minute lunch time will be provided during these time. Students may bring their lunch or purchase one at the clinical facility.
5. Absences from the patient care clinicals must be approved by the clinical instructor. The student must inform the clinical instructor before being absent from the clinical experience. The student must complete an absence form and submit it to the clinical instructor before rescheduling missed clinicals. If the instructor does not approve the absence, the student will not have an opportunity to reschedule the absence and will fail the clinical component of the course.
6. Reasons for non-approval of a clinical absence are:
 - a. Failure to notify the instructor prior to being absent.
 - b. Being absent for a reason other than personal illness or family or personal emergency situation.
 - c. Failure to show documentation of personal illness or family or personal emergency situation.
7. The student is to complete an evaluation of the preceptor following each clinical experience and attach it within one week to the dropbox in Desire 2 Learn.

Infractions Constituting Clinical Failure

Failure of the clinical component of the course occurs when the student receives an unsatisfactory rating in any area of the evaluation tool or does not complete all 90 hours of clinical. Absences will be rescheduled at the discretion of the course coordinator.

Clinical is defined as any activity that earns the student clinical hours and includes but is not limited to patient care experiences, simulation experiences, skill practice and testing sessions, orientations, and clinical meetings.

Certain behaviors result in an unsatisfactory rating in the professional behavior section of the evaluation rubric or some form of remediation as deemed appropriate by the course faculty.

Students who receive five or more infractions within the program are no longer eligible to progress in the program. Students may repeal the decision to be removed from the program by submitting to the Student Affairs Committee a paper that explains why they should be allowed to remain in the program. The decision of the committee is final.

Three incidents of infractions to the standard of professional behavior to include but not limited to:

- Arriving to a clinical experience without bringing a completed pre-clinical assignment or the pre-simulation assignment even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Not conforming to the dress code even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Not bringing appropriate supplies to the clinical experience even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Unprofessional/inappropriate language or gestures
- Unprofessional/inappropriate behavior such as disrespectful behavior, chewing gum, using tobacco products in non-smoking areas, disruptive behavior, or failure to comply with a written or verbal instruction
- Arriving late to any clinical site even if allowed to stay in the clinical
- Non-compliance with the policy to notify the instructor and the agency of a clinical absence prior to the absence or as soon as possible if immediate notification is not possible
- Non-compliance with the policy to receive written prior approval before attending the clinical and/or the policy to notify the clinical instructor of absences prior to missing the clinical or as soon as the student realizes he/she must leave the clinical experience
- Leaving the premises without permission from the clinical instructor
- Failure to complete assignments by the due dates
- Failure to return from meals or breaks at the assigned time
- Use of a cell phone for calling, texting, e-mailing, or receiving calls, texts, or e-mails in the clinical area unless given permission by the clinical instructor

Two incidents of infractions to the standard of professional behavior to include but not limited to:

- Disregarding patient confidentiality without malice or intent to disclose
- Patient negligence that does not result in patient injury
- An error in care that does not result in patient injury
- Cheating, collusion, plagiarism, or stealing. Cheating/collusion/plagiarism - cheating means intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise; collusion means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit; plagiarism means intentionally representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise
- Committing two infractions from the list above as well as one in this list

Infractions to the standard of professional behavior that results in immediate failure of the clinical component of the course to include but not limited to:

- Administering medications or implementing sterile or invasive procedures without the direct supervision of a faculty member or preceptor
- Failing to check two patient identifiers prior to administering medications or implementing sterile or invasive procedures
- Failing to maintain compliance with clinical requirements
- An error in care or patient negligence that harms a patient
- Falsification, omissions or lying
- Intentionally revealing confidential information
- Placing self, staff, or patient at risk of harm due to abandonment of duties and/or sleeping during clinical experiences
- Failure to report a patient care error or incident
- Physical or verbal abuse of patients, patient's family members, faculty or staff
- Testing positive for illicit drugs or alcohol results in immediate ineligibility to continue in the program

Dress Code

The goal of the dress code is to present a professional appearance that does not compromise communication, safety, or infection control. Appearance that presents less than a professional appearance will not be allowed.

Clinical Uniform

- School uniform of matching maroon pants or skirt and maroon tunic top is the required uniform.
- Undershirts, if worn should be plain (solid, no adornments or logos, no patterns) and white, black, gray, or maroon that matches the uniform.
- Pants cannot touch the floor and must be hemmed properly. Pants cannot have a cuffed hem (no joggers).
- When sitting down, bending over or squatting down, or raising arms there can be no gap at the waist between the uniform pant and the top showing skin or underwear.
- No cleavage can be showing.
- Uniform must be well-laundered, without wrinkles, beyond what occurs during typical wear, and fit appropriately.
- Skirts must be knee length or longer, but may not touch the floor, must be properly hemmed and allow for ease of movement.
- Clean and closed toe and heel shoes that are black, gray, white, or maroon that matches the uniform are to be worn.
- Socks and hosiery must match either skin color, uniform or shoes.
- Proper MSU identification (MSU or approved clinical agency name tag and MSU patch). The MSU patch is obtainable at the bookstore and is to be sewn

- on left sleeve, centered and 1" from shoulder seam.
- MSU nametag must contain the name of the university, name of the student, designation of student, and a photograph of the student. The nametag is obtained through Card Services at the Clark Student Center.
- If a student desires a cover, he/she may wear a matching maroon scrub jacket with the appropriate name tag and MSU patch sewn on left sleeve, centered and 1" from shoulder seam.
- Hair must be self-contained and unadorned and must be a natural hair color. Any containing articles such as head wraps, barrettes, bands, or clips must be plain (solid, no jewels, adornments, patterns, or logos) and same color as hair, or white, black, gray, silver, gold, or maroon that matches the uniform.
- Hair may not fall forward past shoulder/neck area or fall over eyes when leaning over at the waist.
- Sideburns, beards, and mustaches must be clean and neatly trimmed.
- Hats or caps are not allowed.
- Short natural and clean fingernails are required. Nail enhancements are not allowed to include polish, dips, tips, overlays, acrylics, or gels. Tips of nails may not be seen when looking at the hands from the palm side up.
- Hygiene must include being clean without fragrances or strong odors.
- No jewelry other than a plain wedding ring (band) and a watch with an analog second hand are allowed.
- Visible body piercings may not contain any jewelry, gauges or spacers.
- If a clinical requires "professional dress" other than the Nursing Uniform, the student will be asked to wear a maroon polo shirt and pants or a skirt that is black, gray, khaki, or maroon that matches the maroon polo shirt with the appropriate name tag.
- Clinical agencies retain the right to refuse access to any student whose appearance is deemed inappropriate. For this reason, visible tattoos should not contain symbols, drawings or wording likely to be deemed offensive.
- The nursing uniform may not be worn when working outside of clinical experiences.

COVID-19 Safety Policies

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the Wichita County Health Department procedure will be followed. Currently, that requires the student to isolate for 14 days and be symptom free for 72 hours.

CAMPUS POLICY

A. Purpose

This policy is established to provide uniform guidelines and standardized procedures for reducing the impact of COVID-19 outbreak conditions on students, staff, and faculty during learning experiences within the Simulation Centers and other labs.

According to the CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, including:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet)
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has SARS-CoV-2 on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the primary way the virus spreads.

B. Procedures

1. Distancing

- a. The State of Texas has restricted social gatherings to no more than 10 people.
- b. Signs reminding students and staff to remain six feet apart will be posted in all Simulation Center and Skills Lab areas. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend a six feet separation between people.
- c. Working in the simulation center or in direct patient care clinical areas and in the classroom during exams requires students to work within six feet of others. Therefore, special guidelines have been adopted to reduce the risk of virus spread in these areas:
 - i. Students will be required to wear KN95 masks with either a face shield or goggles during the learning experiences in the simulation center or during direct patient care.
 - ii. Masks will be worn covering both nose and mouth.
 - iii. Faculty or staff assigned to campus learning activities will also wear KN95 masks with a face shield or goggles
 - iv. When in a classroom, students are to wear KN95 masks and distance at least six feet
 - v. When in a classroom, students are to sit in designated areas and not move the desk/table. They may be assigned to the desk/table to improve contact tracing measures.

2. Screening

- a. Prior to all learning activities, students will have a questionnaire to complete regarding symptoms and exposure.
 - i. Each student is to conduct a daily self-assessment using the MSU Safety App.

- ii. If the student does not receive the green check mark after the self-assessment with the MSU Safety App, the student is to complete this form <https://msutexas.edu/return-to-campus/students/health.php>, which is also within the MSU Safety App and to notify his/her faculty.
 - iii. If a student is symptomatic, or has been exposed to the Covid virus in the last 14 days, he/she will be asked to reschedule his/her in person clinical experience.
- b. Students' temperatures will be assessed before they are permitted entrance into the Simulation Center and Skills Lab areas.
- i. Students who demonstrate a temperature greater than 100.4 F will be asked to reschedule their clinical experience.
- c. Students who are ill are to excuse themselves from the clinical experience by staying home and notifying their clinical instructor and the sim center prior to the scheduled clinical experience.

3. Disinfecting

- a. Disinfection of clinical areas will follow current CDC guidelines, and be performed between each clinical learning activity.
- i. Disinfection guidelines will be posted in all Simulation Center and Skills Lab areas.
 - ii. Current CDC guidelines recommend using EPA List-N chemicals such as Quaternary Ammonium (Chlorix EZ-Kill Wipes), Sodium Hypochlorite ($\frac{1}{3}$ cup bleach in 1-gallon water with a contact time of 1 minute), Hydrogen Peroxide, and Isopropyl Alcohol with a percentage lower than 70%.
 1. Manikin cleaning guidelines recommend soap and water for cleaning, followed by isopropyl alcohol 70% solution for disinfection.
 2. Hard surfaces are to be cleaned using one of the above chemicals with the appropriate contact time (see EPA listing for individual contact time recommendations). Each classroom will have disinfectant and paper towels available to clean desk/table areas.
 3. Soft surfaces should be changed between every student use and laundered before reuse. The Simulation Center currently has a contract with United Regional Healthcare System for linen service.
- b. Disinfection of items worn and brought into the lab by students will meet these standards.

- i. Students will wear a freshly laundered uniform meeting the guidelines of the dress code. Each item worn must be laundered between every wear.
- ii. Jackets worn must meet the dress code and be laundered between every wear.
- iii. Hair containment items must meet the dress code and be cleaned between every wear.
- iv. All equipment including stethoscopes, watches, etc. must be disinfected between uses.
- v. KN95 masks may be stored within a paper bag and reused after being allowed to dry until the mask becomes soiled.

4. Hand hygiene

- a. Frequent handwashing will be required before and after contact with other students or equipment.
 - i. Handwashing guideline signs provided by the CDC will be posted in all Simulation Center and Skills Lab areas.
 - ii. Current CDC guidelines for handwashing and Covid prevention are unchanged.
 - iii. In the absence of handwashing stations, students may use antiseptic hand sanitizer for hand hygiene, as recommended by the CDC, according to manufacturer recommendations.

5. Traffic management, monitoring and education

- a. Staff will be assigned to compliance monitoring per learning experience.
- b. Staff will monitor public health communications about COVID-19 recommendations and ensure all employees and students have access to information for COVID prevention.
- c. University staff, faculty, and students will be provided with up-to-date education and training on COVID-19 risk factors and protective behaviors.

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Clinical Agency Policy

A. Purpose

This policy is established to provide uniform guidelines and standardized procedures for reducing the impact of COVID-19 outbreak conditions on students, staff, and faculty during learning experiences within the clinical facilities.

B. Procedures

1. Students must follow the guidelines provided by each clinical agency.
2. Disinfection of items worn and brought by students will meet these standards.
 - a. Students will wear a freshly laundered uniform meeting the guidelines of the dress code. Each item worn must be laundered between every wear.
 - b. Jackets worn must meet the dress code and be laundered between every wear.
 - c. Hair containment items must meet the dress code and be cleaned between every wear.
 - d. All equipment including stethoscopes, watches, etc. must be disinfected between use.
 - e. KN95 masks with face shield or goggles will be worn if not contraindicated by the facility
3. Students who are ill are to excuse themselves from the clinical experience by staying home and notifying their clinical instructor
4. Hand hygiene must be performed upon entering the agency and upon exiting the agency.
5. Hand hygiene must be performed between each contact with a person or surface within the agency.
6. Hand hygiene must be performed before and after breaks.
7. United Regional Guidelines are:
 - a. Enter via the Bridwell loading, ER loading, or chapel areas
 - b. Provide and wear surgical masks
 - c. Screening will occur at entry
 - d. Hand hygiene will occur at entry
 - e. No group gatherings even for break are allowed
 - f. May leave out any exit
 - g. Students determined to be at risk of infection will not be allowed to attend clinical at that time

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