

Clinical Expectations

Completion of a nursing program does not guarantee the graduate's ability to take NLCEX.

Ashdod University and the UCEA School of Nursing Expected Student Clinical Behaviors

All students are expected to demonstrate professional nursing behavior and follow all standards of conduct outlined in the college catalog and student handbook while fulfilling the clinical requirements of the program.

1. All students are responsible for compliance with all health and safety requirements and for providing required documentation before completion of the first semester after admission, and before they will be allowed to register for a clinical course. Students not in compliance with all clinical requirements will not be allowed to begin their clinical rotations.
2. Appropriate clinical sites and scheduled clinical shifts must be approved by the Program Coordinator, Course Faculty, Clinical Instructor/ Nurse Preceptor, and Clinical Coordination office at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the clinical experience.
3. Students should arrive to all clinical assignments on time and are expected to complete the entire shift. Any unforeseen tardiness or absence must be reported immediately to the Clinical Instructor/ Nurse Preceptor, the contact for the clinical agency (if different than Clinical Instructor/Nurse Preceptor), and Course Faculty.
4. Changes in scheduled clinical days may be made only in cases of emergency and only if agreed upon by the Clinical Instructor/Nurse Preceptor.
5. If a clinical day is cancelled by the Clinical Instructor/ Nurse Preceptor or agency, the student must notify the Course Faculty.
6. The student is expected to be prepared to deliver nursing care to assigned clients. The student is responsible for preplanning in advance of the scheduled shift. Preplanning should include, but is not limited to the following:
 - Review of Patient History – Past Medical/ Surgical, Present Illness, and Psychosocial
 - Medications – Review use, administration, side effects, calculate safe dose
 - Treatments – Already received, and scheduled
 - Current Orders – Care to be delivered
 - Nursing Plan of Care – Including outcomes/evaluation
7. The student is a guest of the sponsoring agency and nurse preceptor, and must meet professional standards.
8. The student will abide by the dress code policy of the college, which includes being properly equipped with stethoscope with bell and diaphragm, penlight, bandage scissors, small notepad, black ball-point pen, and small tape measure. Student may not wear body jewelry other than stud earrings (one pair) while in the clinical area. All body art/tattoos must be covered during clinical experience.
9. The student will abide by the lunch/break policy of the Clinical Instructor/Nurse Preceptor or agency.
10. Cell phones may not be used at any time for talking, email, or text messages during a clinical rotation and must be turned off or silenced.
11. A student shall report and document nursing assessments or observations, the care provided by the student for the client, and the client's response to that care.
12. A student shall report to the appropriate practitioner errors in or deviations from the prescribed regimen of care accurately and timely.
13. A student shall not falsify any client record or any other document prepared or utilized in the course of, or in conjunction with, nursing practice.
14. A student shall implement measures to promote a safe environment for each client.
15. A student shall delineate, establish, and maintain professional boundaries with each client.
16. At all times when a student is providing direct nursing care to a client the student shall:
 - Provide privacy during examination or treatment and in the care of personal or bodily needs.
 - Treat each client with courtesy, respect, and with full recognition of dignity and individuality.

A student shall not:

- Engage in behavior that causes or may cause physical, verbal, mental or emotional abuse to a client.
- Engage in behavior toward a client that may reasonably be interpreted as physical, verbal, mental or emotional abuse.

17. A student shall not misappropriate a client's property or:
- Engage in behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the client's expense.
 - Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the client's expense.
 - Engage in behavior that constitutes inappropriate involvement in the client's personal relationships.
 - Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as inappropriate involvement in the client's personal relationships. For the purpose of this paragraph, the client is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to the behaviors by the student set forth in this paragraph.

A student shall not:

- Engage in sexual conduct with a client.
- Engage in conduct that may reasonably be interpreted as sexual.
- Engage in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a client.
- Engage in verbal behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as seductive or sexually demeaning to a client. For the purpose of this paragraph, the client is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to sexual activity with the student.

18. The student must adhere to all clinical agency policies while participating in clinical experience.

19. The student may not leave the premises during a clinical experience.

Failure to abide by these expected clinical behaviors will result in an unsatisfactory clinical performance rating, failure of the course, and/or dismissal from the program.