

## Overview for Cohort Student Scope and Competency (Supplement to Unit Orientation for Students)

\_\_\_ School is responsible for assuring that students are prepared to carry out assigned nursing responsibilities commensurate with their course objectives, verifying competence by evaluation in the college skills lab setting before assigning such responsibilities in the clinical setting.

\_\_\_ When onsite, students and faculty display school photo ID badge and any nursing department or facility specific identification.

\_\_\_ Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara retains responsibility for the care of all patients, including those assigned to students. The RN assigned to manage the care of the patient for a given shift retains ultimate accountability for decisions regarding supervision and direction of the patient care.

\_\_\_ Students are to follow school policy for non-emergency injury/exposure sustained by a student during clinical rotation/preceptorship.

\_\_\_ For a serious work related injury or hazardous exposure, student is sent to Employee Health or Emergency Dept. (as appropriate) for assessment and treatment, e.g. Needle Stick, Injury, Fall.

\_\_\_ In the event of a low patient census, if the unit is unable to meet the needs of the cohort, the Clinical Instructor will make alternate arrangements for affected students through special off unit projects (i.e. shadowing charge RN, completing various relevant research in clinical library, etc)

\_\_\_ During Code Blue, Nursing students may perform only basic life support (BLS) interventions, with assigned staff nurse/code team approval.

\_\_\_ Students are not given independent access to PYXIS machine, nor are they to dispense or administer medications independently. Student can administer meds with assigned staff nurse present.

\_\_\_ Clinical Instructor will work with unit Management team to assess the best practice for assigning students to patients/staff nurses and follow established practice for duration of clinical rotation.

\_\_\_ For units with vented patients, clinical instructor will work with Management team when pairing students with staff nurses to ensure optimal patient safety and unit time management

Pre-licensure Nursing Students may perform responsibilities normally associated with performance of the role/job for which they are preparing that are consistent with the California Nurse Practice Act and Business and Professions Codes, and deemed appropriate to the student's level of knowledge and skill by their faculty.

-Cohort students are under the direct supervision of a registered nurse who has been identified by the school as the clinical instructor for the course.

-Preceptorship students function under the direct supervision and direction of the assigned staff nurse. The staff nurse is responsible for the care of all assigned patients, including those assigned to students.

**Limitations to nursing student scope of practice PER POLICY AD.01.07:**

**RN AND LVN STUDENTS MAY NOT PERFORM AT ANY TIME the following nursing responsibilities:**

- A. Receive verbal/telephone orders.
- B. Receive or report to MD critical test values.
- C. Sign off/note physician orders without co-signature of RN prior to implementation of order.
- D. Have access to narcotics and/or other controlled substances in the Pyxis.
- E. Serve as one of the two authorized personnel performing the independent double check at patient's bedside when preparing or administering High Alert Medications by any route.
- F. Serve as one of the two required authorized personnel when obtaining blood products or identifying patient to receive blood products.
- G. During a Code Blue or other emergency situation, defibrillate or mix, hang, or push intravenously High Alert Medications.
- H. Be the primary initial contact informing patients/families of change in patient status or emerging health problems.
- I. Insert feeding tube with metal stylette.
- J. Perform arterial sticks.
- K. Administer chemotherapy.
- L. Perform a Pyxis override.

**In addition: LVN students MAY NOT PERFORM AT ANY TIME the following procedures/tasks:**

- A. Perform venipuncture for collection of laboratory specimens and/or to establish IV therapy
- B. Flush or withdraw blood from a central venous catheter or arterial line.
- C. Hang or monitor intravenous therapy containing medication, including TPN or PPN.
- D. Have access to narcotics and/or other controlled substances in the PYXIS.
- E. Central venous catheter site care.

**RN students MAY PERFORM, ONLY WITH DIRECT OBSERVATION by a licensed staff RN or their clinical faculty, the following clinical procedures/tasks:**

- A. Report changes in condition, test results, provide status updates to the physician and answer queries from the physician.
- B. Participate with authorized personnel in the preparation and administration of High Alert Medications.
- C. Following identification of correct blood product and match with correct patient by two licensed staff RNs, administer blood product.
- D. Administer, but not independently sign out, narcotics. Narcotics must be obtained from the Pyxis by the clinical faculty or staff RN who provides co-signature for obtaining same.
- E. Administer IV push medications.
- F. Initiate, make dose/rate adjustments, reload narcotics for Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) or continuous narcotic infusions.
- G. Perform venipuncture for collection of laboratory specimens and/or to establish IV therapy.
- H. Perform central venous catheter site care, catheter flush, and withdrawal of blood.
- I. Perform waived testing, e.g. blood glucose monitoring or point of care testing, e.g. I Stat.