**MSSN Clinical Site Supervision Policy for Nursing Students**

**Purpose:** To ensure the safety of patients and the development of clinical skills for nursing students, several elements of supervision are required as stated below.

**Key Points for UNDERGRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS WITHIN A GROUP PRACTICUM ONLY:**

* Undergraduate nursing students arranged within a group practicum must be supervised by a faculty member during their delivery of care to patients.
* Clinical Faculty cannot be assigned to two units at the same time unless the two units are contiguous. Students who are on a unit without a faculty member can observe only.
* All nursing students must be supervised when participating in patient care by either nursing school faculty or a MSSN RN preceptor assigned during a senior year capstone only.
* Students are not allowed to obtain a copy of their assigned patient medical records.
* Nursing students who are a part of a clinical group may not administer any medications without supervision and verification of the medication by their clinical faculty from their nursing school.
* Senior level nursing students may administer medications under the direct supervision of the clinical faculty or their preceptor (MSSN RN).
* Nursing students may administer IV push medications in the ED and critical care under the direct supervision of the clinical faculty and primary RN.
* Nursing students are expected to be knowledgeable about medication administration including calculating accurate dosage amount, the reason for medication administration and side effects of the medication.
* Specific invasive procedures such Foley insertion, breast exam, and maintenance of the Peripheral IV, including flushing and Curos/tegaderm application, physical assessment, and patient education can be performed only under direct supervision by clinical faculty in collaboration with the unit primary nurse.
* Faculty must return their ID badge at the end of the clinical semester.
* Large groups of pre and post conference are not allowed.
* Faculty student ratio is 8:1 except in Behavioral health 6:1 and peds 4:1