

MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE ALLIED HEALTH and FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES DIVISION NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING STUDENT HANDBOOK

PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Every patient is guaranteed the right of confidentiality by law. <u>Disclosure or possession of any information about a patient</u> outside the clinical, academic, or other sanctioned learning environment is a breach of ethics and a violation of law. Students who do so will be subject to serious disciplinary action, which may include probation or dismissal from the program. Skilled nursing facility orientations will review principles of patient privacy and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) regulations. Student may be required at the start of clinical rotations to sign facility confidentiality statements pledging to observe the facility's patient privacy tenets.

Patient confidentiality extends to medical record duplication. Copying of any part of the printed medical record is prohibited. Access to hospital computers and procurement of patient information likewise involve privacy issues. The student must learn and abide by the particular facility's regulations regarding access to medical records (printed and electronic) and extraction of patient information from them.

Information shared about patients is on a "need to know" basis. Behaviors which are clear violations of patient privacy include, but are not limited to: discussing patients with peers in the hospital dining room; disclosing details of patients' conditions at home, school, in the community or online social media; leaving paperwork with identifying patient information in view of patients or non-health care providers; leaving the facility with medical records pertaining to patients (copies or computer printouts); and taking photographs of patients.

If you are at a facility that allows students to access and make copies of computer data for clinical preparation please cut out all patient information: Name, Physician's Name, Patient Number, etc. Access to patient chart information will be different from facility to facility. However, all names or evidence of identity should be completely eliminated from written work

Last Name		First Name		Signature
Semester:	Year:		Date:	