

Policy Title: Student Employment Outside the University

Policy

The School of Nursing assumes no responsibility for the student's activities as an employee of an agency.

- A. School insignia and University of Texas identification badge will not be worn by the student when functioning in the role of an employee.
- B. Students are personally responsible and liable for any activity in which they participate while employed.
- C. Professional liability insurance purchased by students through the School of Nursing is only valid in their student role, not their employment role.

Guidelines - Non-Licensed

- A. Individuals who practice in violation of the Texas Nursing Practice Act may be ineligible to write the RN-NCLEX to be licensed.
- B. Students may be employed as nursing aides or technicians, performing functions for which the institutions have trained them and for which the institution has a clearly discernible policy either in writing or by precedent, defining the scope of these functions. Any individual not licensed in the State of Texas practicing professional nursing, and who engages in such practice, is doing so illegally and may be prosecuted accordingly. Supervision by a professional, licensed nurse does not provide protection to the student or make the student's actions legal.
- C. Students employed in an agency have a responsibility, personally and professionally, to engage in only those activities that fall within their job description as non-professional workers. They have a responsibility to refuse to participate in activities, which they have not been legally licensed to perform (i.e., giving medications, assuming total responsibility for a division, etc.)
- D. It is recommended that a student's combined employment and semester-hour load; including clinical laboratory hours should not exceed 40 hours per week.

Guidelines - Licensed

- A. Individuals who practice in violation of the Texas Nursing Practice Act are subject to discipline as specified by the Texas Nursing Practice Act.
- B. Any individual not licensed in the State of Texas practicing professional nursing, and who engages in such practice, is doing so illegally and may be prosecuted accordingly.
- C. Students employed in an agency have a responsibility, personally and professionally, to engage in only those activities that fall within their job description. They have a responsibility to refuse to participate in activities, which they have not been legally licensed to perform.
- D. It is recommended that student's combined employment and semester-hour load, including clinical laboratory hours, not exceed 40 hours per week.