

Georgia Southwestern State University

School of Nursing

Infectious Disease Risks

It is the policy of this University to provide academic programs, support services, and social and recreational activities to all qualified individuals. In the event that a student is diagnosed with, or shows signs of, an infectious disease or condition, the student may not be arbitrarily excluded from enrollment or otherwise restricted from classroom or clinical activities. The student may be excluded **IF** medically-based judgments in each individual case establish that exclusion or restriction is necessary to the welfare of the individual, other members of the University community, or clients under the student's care.

The University has the responsibility to balance the right of a student who is ill to an education against the rights of other individuals to function in a protected environment. School of Nursing students are obligated to follow the policies and procedures of the host facilities regarding infectious diseases.

Nursing students are required to practice Universal Standard Precautions at all times in all clinical settings.

If the student is exposed to an actual or potential infectious agent, the student must follow the guidelines of the host facility for reporting the incident and for laboratory testing. Students understand and agree that (1) testing is at the expense of the student; and (2) any testing results must be forwarded to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

The student understands that the clinical aspects of the nursing program represent medical risks even though correct procedures are followed. Student understand that they are entering the clinical aspect of this program at their own risk and will not hold the University or the clinical facility liable for any illnesses resulting from these clinical experiences.

This _____ day of _____, 20_____

Student Signature

Printed Name

GSW Identification Number

Return signed form via EMAIL to nursing@gsw.edu, FAX to 229-931-2288, or mail to:

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