

 <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>SECTION A: NURSING SERVICE ORGANIZATION CHAPTER 3: NURSING COMPETENCIES TO PROVIDE CARE</p> <p>Policy and Procedure: 3.6 Student Nurses Affiliation</p>
<p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p>	<p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Connecticut Valley Hospital</p>

Standard of Practice:

The student nurse delivers safe and competent care to patients under the supervision and evaluation of on site academic faculty.

Standard of Care:

The patient can expect to receive safe and competent care from the student nurse who receives appropriate supervision from an on site faculty member.

Policy:

Connecticut Valley Hospital provides a clinical setting in which student nurses and nurses in graduate accredited NLN Programs may increase their knowledge, skills and experience in the provision of care for Psychiatric, Addiction, and Forensic patients.

Procedure:

1. **Each university or college placing students at Connecticut Valley Hospital must complete a Personal Service Agreement with Connecticut Valley Hospital and DMHAS (Form CO-802A-2/2000), prior to the placement of students. The PSA specifies the terms of the relationship between Connecticut Valley Hospital and the university. The PSA is filed in the Business Office. All student placements must be approved in advance by the Hospital Chief Executive Officer or Nurse Executive.**
2. The CVH Nurse Executive, **or designee**, and the Nursing Department Chairman of the respective academic institution plan, assign and evaluate the placement of student nurses or registered nurse graduate students at CVH. This is done in accordance with the contractual agreement between the hospital and the academic institution.
3. **The Director of Staff Development shall notify the Human Resources Director of a student placement as soon as possible after his/her notification and preferably at least four weeks prior to placement providing at a minimum the following information:**

- a. Student's name and Social Security number;
- b. Student's current college/university;
- c. Student's current academic status with the college/university;
- d. Student's verification of health status (completed in last six months);
- e. A clinical practicum agreement outlining the student's goals, objectives, supervision and other essential data developed by the school's and hospital's representatives;
- f. Student's faculty-designated supervisor.

4. Staff Development will provide student and graduate nurses with an orientation to CVH, its organization and programs, and overall safety.

- a. Orientation focuses on overall safety and includes the following:
 - Keys, doors, locks, badges
 - Camera/security system
 - Confidentiality/HIPAA
 - Emergencies
 - a) Fire
 - b) Medical
 - c) Psychiatric
 - Level system
 - Boundary issues
 - Communications (phones, overhead, paging, all)
 - Recovery Principles
 - All other modules deemed necessary
5. Staff Development additionally coordinates security by providing names and schedules to agency police for security/badge access.
6. Students are assigned clinical placements based on educational need, the ability of a particular program to meet that need, and the consideration of any impact the student presence may have on the patient population. The provision of professional nursing care remains the responsibility of the CVH nursing staff.
7. On site academic faculty supervise and evaluate the student nurse during and at the end of the clinical period.
8. Nursing staff are encouraged to interact and communicate with students to enhance and foster the student educational experience.
9. Students complete a post-placement evaluation of their experiences. This data is aggregated and shared with staff from the units that served as a clinical site and Nursing leadership.