

## **Albuquerque Public School Career Enrichment Center Nursing Department Infection/Standard Precautions Acknowledgement**

The Albuquerque Public School Career Enrichment Center Practical Nursing Program includes clinical experiences involving care of patients with communicable diseases including but not limited to clostridium difficile, norovirus and tuberculosis. As a part of the learning experience, students may care for individuals who may have blood borne pathogens. These blood borne pathogens (BBP) may include but not limited to: HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), Hepatitis B (HBV), or Hepatitis C (HCV).

Our community partners are committed to providing educational opportunities for students enrolled in the CEC Practical Nursing Program while maintaining a safe environment for patients, staff and students. Each organization has guidelines in place based on public health orders and follows infection control best practices. All CEC students will be oriented to organizational guidelines and expected to follow all mandates. CEC students will not be allowed to care for any patients with confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

Students will be expected to treat all patients with the concern and dignity inherent in professional standards of care. The Albuquerque Public School PN nursing faculty and students will be expected to follow the guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control for the prevention and/or spread of HIV, HBV, or HCV and other blood borne pathogens, as well as infectious disease guidelines.

These guidelines for the prevention of HIV transmission are consistent with the American Nurses Association (ANA) Position Statement, OSHA Standards, and Recommendations from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 2007, CDC published new guidelines (standard precautions) for isolation precautions in hospitals. Standard Precautions synthesize the major features of Body Substance Isolation (BSI) and universal precautions to prevent transmission of infectious agents among patients and health care personnel.

Standard Precautions will be taught and practiced. Standard precautions are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources.

Standard Precautions apply to:

1. Blood.
2. All body fluids, secretions, and excretions except sweat, (regardless of whether or not they contain invisible blood), regardless of suspected or confirmed infection status, in any setting, in which health care is included.
3. Non-intact skin.
4. Mucous Membranes.

To achieve this goal student will:

1. Be taught basic skills in isolation techniques, injections, and handling blood and body fluids in the nursing skills laboratory before actual clinical practice of these skills on a patient.
2. Receive classroom instruction related to HIV, HBV and HCV, COVID-19 cause, treatment, modes of transmission and prevention. Receive orientation on policies for Standard Precautions.
3. Refrain from all direct patient care and handling patient care equipment while the student has exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis.
4. Utilize the following standard precautions in a simulated setting and consistently on all patients in hospital setting:
  1. Gloves will be worn for contact with blood, body fluids, all mucous membranes or non- intact skin of all patients. Gloves are to be worn for handling items or surfaces soiled with blood or body fluids, and for performing any invasive procedures. Gloves are to be changed between tasks or procedures on the same patient.
  2. Hands are washed immediately before gloving and after removing gloves. Hands are washed immediately and thoroughly after touching blood or other body fluids. Gloves should be changed as possible if torn or damaged. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves and between patient contacts.
  3. Gloves are changed to prevent cross contamination and between each patient. Disposable gloves are not to be washed and then re-used.
  4. Masks and protective eyewear/shields are worn during invasive procedures likely to generate splattering of blood or body fluids as well as any other procedure in which such exposure is a possibility.
  5. Impervious Gowns are worn for procedures likely to involve splashes of blood or body fluids. These should be used one time only and then disposed of and immediately wash hands after removal.
  6. Needles are not recapped, purposely bent or broken by hand, removed from disposable syringes, or manipulated by hand. Disposable needles, syringes, scalpel blades and other sharp items are placed in puncture resistant containers for disposal.
  7. Soiled linen is handled to ensure minimal agitation and prevent transfer of microorganisms to others and the environment. All soiled linen is bagged, tied closed at the location where it was used, and disposed of according to hospital policy.
  8. If isolation labeling is the hospital policy and procedure, then the precautions, not the disease, will be indicated for public viewing.
  9. Specimens of blood and body fluids are placed in a container to prevent leaking. Care is taken to prevent contaminating the outside of the container when collecting the specimen. Specimens are to be placed in a biohazard container.
  10. Mouthpieces, resuscitation bags or other ventilation devices are used as an alternative to mouth-to-mouth resuscitation

The CDC's Standard Precautions incorporates all requirements of OSHA's Blood Borne Pathogen Standards.

For additional Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/>

Acknowledgement of Risks Associated with Clinical Practice in the clinical Setting for  
the APS CEC Nursing Student

I have read and understand the risks of communicable diseases and/or blood borne pathogens to healthcare workers. I am informed of the measures used to minimize these risks to my child (CEC nursing student) and others. The student will report any exposure to the clinical faculty immediately. If I have any further questions, I will contact the APS CEC Nursing Director.

Students Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Students Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_