

**SCHOOL OF NURSING, MIDWIFERY and
PARAMEDICINE
GUIDELINE**

**CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLIENT INFORMATION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE
(CLINICAL EXPERIENCE)**

IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLE

When engaged in clinical practice the student must at all times hold confidential all information obtained during their clinical learning experiences. Furthermore, the student shall not communicate any information concerning the business of the hospital/agency or the personal affairs or conditions of clients and patients to anyone outside of the health care team.

Some agencies will require students to sign a confidentiality agreement.

A breach of confidentiality will be considered seriously. If a breach of confidence occurs during semester this may result in a student being placed on a fail grade for that unit. If the breach occurs, after semester is completed, the Head of School, Fieldwork Coordinator and the Course Coordinator will consider disciplinary action.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Preparation for and completion of clinical practice; clinical time missed and exclusion to clinical practice; clinical learning contracts
- Student dress standard requirement for clinical practice and laboratory attendance

RESPONSIBILITIES	
Contact Person	Fieldwork Coordinator
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