

## **Clinical Procedures for Unlicensed Student Nurses**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The unlicensed clinical student must officially be a student in good standing in an accredited nursing school program. The clinical student will perform the following skills for VA clients under the supervision their clinical faculty member or a licensed RN preceptor from the VA Roseburg Healthcare System.

### **CLINICAL STUDENT NURSES:**

1. Will have non-narcotic access to Accudose. For all narcotic access, the clinical student will need to rely on their clinical faculty and/or responsible RN.
2. May provide IV flush with saline only; no IV push medications.
3. Performs portacath, PICC and central line flushes **only** under the **direct supervision** of the RN or clinical faculty.
4. May not change settings on PCA pumps and must rely on their clinical faculty and/or RN preceptor for any necessary changes.
5. Must have all processes surrounding IV medication and administration of IV fluids observed and supervised by the RN preceptor and/or clinical faculty.
6. Cannot make changes to insulin, heparin, or epidural drips. Student nurse is expected to assess the patient, provide data and rationale to the RN who will be responsible for any changes to the settings.
7. May discontinue IV fluids using BCMA protocol and may discontinue IV sites.
8. Must have all medications administered through BCMA co-signed by clinical faculty and/or RN. Medication will be administered within the appropriate facility designated timeframes.
9. May not verify blood for administration, however, student nurse may monitor baseline vital signs and progress of blood administration.
10. Will not verify physician orders.
11. Will not take verbal or phone physician orders. Student nurse must have RN validate with the physician if an order is requested.
12. May monitor O2 under the supervision of the RN. May not change O2 settings unless under direct RN supervision.
13. May perform dressing changes.
14. Additional procedures will be approved on a case-by-case basis between the clinical faculty, unit manager and the Designated Education Officer.

**FACULTY:** It is the responsibility of the supervising academic nursing faculty to assess for any missed documentation, procedures or medication deficits prior to the student nurse leaving the unit. **All clinical student documentation must be co-signed by the program's clinical faculty prior to the student leaving the unit.**