RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Policy and Procedure: Simulation Confidentiality

All simulation educational activities taking place in the Parkview Community Medical Center Virtual Hospital (PCMCVH) and School of Nursing (SON) Learning Labs (LL) are considered clinical experiences and are subject to the same confidentiality and behavior standards as of those occurring in the clinical practice environment. Simulation-based training involves immersion of the participant in realistic clinical situations. This training may involve communication, administration of simulated medications, and performance of necessary therapies and treatments. During participation in such simulated educational activities, participants will observe the performance of their peers in making clinical judgments and managing clinical situations.

Each participant in simulation is required to abide by the *Confidentiality Policy* and *Lab Code of Conduct* outlined in the *ADN/VN/NATP Student Handbooks*. In addition, participants must abide by RCC's FERPA policy that provides protection of a student's information and performance in simulation. As part of the simulation educational activity's pre-brief and debrief, Simulation Facilitators should remind participants of these policies prior to the simulated educational activity. The simulation educational activity's instructions and pre-briefing script have been developed to incorporate these policies and expectations.

In order to create a safe learning and a constructive debriefing environment for the participant, strict confidentiality of what transpires on both a clinical and interpersonal level throughout the simulated educational activity must be maintained. Participants must feel free to make errors without the risk of repercussions. Feedback provided to participants during the debriefing process must be constructive and remain confidential. Facilitators are also expected to abide by the same confidentiality practices.

To ensure the integrity of the simulation educational activities for future participants, participants in the pre-briefing process will be instructed that they are not permitted to share details or any associated documents related to the simulation educational activity with anyone outside of the room. This is a violation of HIPAA regulation and violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

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