

2009-2010 Student Handbook Addenda

Revisions

- p. 19: Background Checks and Drug Screen: Omit “As of Fall 2006 semester...”
Please note: Hospitals may require an annual background check and drug screen.
- p. 20: E-mail: Students are not to have “yahoo” or “hotmail” email addresses for school communications.
- p.21: Immunizations: The Nursing Department requires documentation of immunity/seropositivity for polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, Hepatitis B, seasonal flu and H1N1 flu.
- p. 23: Refusal to obtain immunizations, titers, or TB requirements: add H1N1 flu vaccine to list of required immunizations.
- p.24: Classroom Attendance and Conduct:
Cell phones and pagers must be set to “silent” mode.
For hybrid/on-line courses, see course syllabus for attendance policies.
- p.27: Mandatory Tutoring/Remediation: omit the word “mandatory”
Omit the sentence “The instructor will develop an individualized remediation plan for the student.”
Clinical remediation will be documented on the weekly clinical evaluation forms after collaboration between the clinical instructor, the student and the lead instructor.
- p.34: Dress Code for Class, Clinical, & Laboratory: Students must wear their GC uniform during class, skills lab, prelab, clinical, and clinical simulations. No street attire is acceptable.
- p. 35: Paperwork for a medication error: 3. If the error is severe resulting in patient harm, the student will be referred to the Associate Dean of Nursing to discuss the incident. (See Disciplinary Policies)
- pp. 41-43: Remediation Policies: The Grossmont College Nursing Department subscribes to the principles of adult learning (See below.) Students must assume responsibility for their own learning and request appropriate assistance if needed.
Omit pages 41-43.
- p. 45: Dismissal Policy/Procedure: 1.a.6) Change to read “Any behavior that endangers a patient’s, staff member’s, peer’s, or instructor’s safety.” Note: this does not have to be a pattern of behavior and the student can be subject to dismissal for a single occurrence.

Additions

Added to signature page: The Student Handbook is a dynamic document and is subject to change as policies evolve. Students are responsible for knowing the current contents of the Nursing Student Handbook and adhering to its policies.

Principles of Adult Learning

p. 6: Added to Nursing Program Philosophy:

Principles of Adult Learning

1. The adult learner is primarily in charge of his or her own learning. The instructor's responsibility is to manage the process through which adults learn.
 - Actively involve adult participants in the learning process.
 - Obtain their perspective
 - Allow participants to assume responsibility for their learning
 - Guide them to knowledge rather than supplying them with facts
2. Adults have accumulated a foundation of life experiences and knowledge.
 - Adults bring a wide range of experiences and perspectives to any instructional setting, and are most likely to be motivated when they see a connection between the learning objectives/ activities and their own work or life.
 - The educator honors adult learners' individuality and experience and creates a safe, respectful, and participant-centered environment for learning to take place.
3. Adults are goal-oriented.
 - They appreciate a program that is organized and clearly defined
 - Let participants choose projects that reflect their own interests
4. Adults are practical.
 - They may only focus on the aspect of a lesson that is most useful them
 - Instructors must be clear how the lesson will be useful to them on the job

Leave of Absence Policy

p. 52: Added to General Administrative Policies: The Associate Dean of Nursing may grant a one semester Leave of Absence for a student with extraordinary circumstances. The student must have an exit interview with the Associate Dean and follow the usual re-entry procedure. The student who returns from a Leave of Absence will get priority readmission on a space available basis.

I have read and understand these policy changes.

Student signature _____ Date _____