Clinical Performance Requirements  
Nursing Assistant Program

Clinical is a critical component of learning in the School for Nurse Aides. In clinical the student represents the nursing assistant profession and the Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. Students are expected to be professional and provide safe client care. In order to do this students are expected to

Be prepared for clinical. This means that all required study guides and clinical preparation tools must be completed before the time you are expected to be at clinical. Students who are unprepared for clinical will be removed from the clinical site and sent home from clinical. Consistently being unprepared for clinical will result in failure of the clinical portion of the course, hence failure in the course. If a student misses any clinical experience it will put them at risk not to graduate on time!

Provide safe client care. Clinical is a learning experience where students apply what is learned in class and through preparation provide safe client care. Therefore students are evaluated on their ability to consistently perform safe client care, which is clearly detailed in the clinical evaluation tool. Students who are unsafe in clinical practice will fail clinical, hence will fail the course.

Each clinical experience across the program of study builds on each other in complexity and performance expectations. Even though the focus of who is the client changes, such as pediatric, community, or complex care of the adult, the behaviors and knowledge of what is expected for the student to pass clinical respectively increases as their ability to perform more independent complex client care increases. Expected student performance for the clinical is clearly detailed by program outcome in the clinical evaluation tool with specific exemplars. Students must complete the clinical reflection journal at a passing level in order to pass the clinical portion of the course. Consistently late or minimal reflection journal entries will be considered inadequate and result in a non-passing clinical grade.

Students will be formally evaluated by faculty at mid-clinical and at the end of the clinical experience.

At times students become ill or have an emergency and are not able to attend clinical. Students are expected to contact The Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. clinical faculty and the clinical site before or at the time clinical starts to get an excused clinical absence and discuss make-up requirements. Students who need to make up clinical are expected to do so at their own expense.

Students are expected to be on time for clinical and to be dressed in appropriate professional clinical attire. Students who are inappropriately dressed for clinical will be sent home. Reference School of Nursing Student Handbook for details.

(Student) Print Name

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(Student) (Date)

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(Clinical faculty) (Date)