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Preparation for Practice

The School of Nursing and practice partners believe patient safety is of top priority during the practice placement experience. Practice teachers and students are responsible and accountable for ensuring that appropriate professional standards are maintained. Please refer to BCCNM's Professional Standards for more information.

Appropriate preparation for practice includes the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are foundational to safe nursing practice. At the start of each practice experience, teachers will communicate expected professional standards to students, including what constitutes appropriate preparation for practice experiences and assignments. Inadequate preparation for practice is defined by the School of Nursing as unprofessional conduct. Depending on the circumstances, the following policies and their subsequent disciplinary actions may be applied as per the UBC Okanagan Academic Calendar and School of Nursing Standards, Guidelines & Procedures:

- Professional Conduct
- <u>Unprofessional Conduct Standard</u>
- Unprofessional Conduct Procedure and Report
- Academic Misconduct
- Non-academic Misconduct

Inadequate or inappropriate preparation for a nursing practice experience and/or assignment can place the safety of a patient under the care of the student at risk for harm and/or injury. Students who are not appropriately prepared for their practice experience will be asked to remove themselves from the patient care area until they are deemed to have met the requirements for practice. Consequences for isolated incidents will be at the discretion of the practice teacher and the Team Leader will be notified once the decision has been made. The practice teacher will be in ongoing communication with the Team Leader and consultation with the Associate Director or designate is standard procedure.