

STANDARDS OF NURSING CONDUCT

Students intending to major in nursing must possess the necessary behavioral, physical, intellectual, interpersonal, and communication skills to provide nursing care that is safe for clients, for themselves, and for other health care providers. Students must be able to meet these performance standards in order to qualify for and remain in the nursing program. Reasonable accommodations will be made according to University Policy.

Standards of nursing conduct includes all elements outlined in the Pennsylvania Code: State Board of Nursing (chapter 21) and includes professional conduct or professionalism. Nursing as a professional body has the privilege to judge those studying nursing as appropriate or inappropriate for entry into the profession of nursing. Students are free to self-select nursing as their profession. The faculty has the right to judge a student's behavior as consistent or inconsistent with professional standards and conduct for a nursing professional. When student behavior is documented as unacceptable to nursing profession standards, a student may be denied progression in the nursing major. If denied progression, the student may appeal to the Student Development and Progression (SDP) committee.

Professional behavior is expected of all students. Each student must:

- Demonstrate ethical behavior according to the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics.
- Adhere to Moravian University's Student Code of Conduct.
- Demonstrate integrity and accountability in the clinical and academic setting.
- Engage in honest and positive communication with peers, faculty, patients, family members, and staff.
- Express ideas and feelings clearly and demonstrate a willingness and ability to give and receive feedback.
- Present self in a professional manner in the clinical and academic setting.
- Comply with all of the Simulation Center guidelines and standards.
- Maintain a safe environment for all patients in the clinical setting.
- Comply with the dress code of all clinical agencies.
- Adhere to the policies of all clinical agencies.

Specific standards of nursing conduct are found in the Pennsylvania Code: State Board of Nursing (chapter 21) website:

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter21/chap21toc.html>