Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University  
**Clinical Best Practice Workshop, Fall, 2013  
  
Faculty Expectations and Role**

MCN clinical faculty will:

* work side by side with students in providing safe quality care; faculty are hands on!

1. Double check all medications---let patient know you do this also---always quiz the student on meds. Ask them questions about meds outside of administration time also.
2. Be present with IM, SQ and IV medication administration; it is okay to have RN go with the *student as long as you have evaluated the students performing these skills!!*
3. Be present for all skills unless you are 100% that they can do it and you have watched them many times. Anything requiring sterile technique or any IV starts are **ALWAYS**  performed under the supervision of faculty or RN
4. Monitor physical assessments to assure accuracy in techniques and analysis; when you are confident they are safe---then you can just spot check them.
5. Refer the students to NSL for review of common skills at the beginning of your rotation or any time during the clinical if the student is not performing at level
6. Keep reminding students nursing is more than psychomotor skills! Help students communicate professionally, critically think and to see the bigger picture.

* be mentors and evaluators not friends
* focus on students during clinical hours and not doing “full time job” during clinical time
* keep students involved in clinical/course specific activities
* plan Pre- Conferences: to check student preparation for clinical and communicate parameters of the day. Students must be prepared for clinical or they will be sent home.
* plan Post- Conferences: debriefing time of the clinical and facilitate learning and critical thinking.
* conduct substantive Midterm (no MT in MI and NCC) and Final Evaluations that contain no surprises
* grade and return paperwork assignments in a timely manner with helpful comments
* keep in contact with Course Leader regarding concerns and questions
* verbalize support of MCN programing and faculty
* enforce MCN policies including:

1. Professional Image, Code of Conduct and Dress Code—New uniform Summer, 2013 (Key dress code problems: unkempt uniforms, shoes, hair and nails; extra jewelry; no nametag; piercings and tattoos not covered)
2. Confidentiality and HIPAA issues---contact Dianne ASAP
3. Needle-sticks
4. Good Catch Policy
5. Progress Note for students who are not meeting objectives
6. Clinical makeup----contact Course Leader and tell student: “at the end of the semester” (exceptions NCC, MI and PH)

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