

## STATEMENT OF POLICY\*

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### **Subject: Volunteering and Shadowing in the Nursing Program**

Volunteering: Performing unlicensed medical skills with or without compensation. This includes shadowing other medical professionals while in the nursing program.

The Nursing Program at BYU Idaho does not support the following:

- Nursing students pursuing clinical experiences of professional development above and beyond the requirements of a specific nursing course.
- Clinical experiences that are not associated with a course or arranged/approved by Faculty.
- Shadowing other healthcare professionals while still in the nursing program.
- Volunteering to provide any degree of medical/nursing care for individuals in the community before a student has graduated and obtained licensure.

The Nursing Program at BYU Idaho does support working for an organization under authorized certifications/licensures such as CNA, EMT, Nurse Apprentice, or Medical Assistant.

**Volunteering jeopardizes contractual agreements with our affiliated clinical sites. They also put individuals and students at risk. Any student in BYU-Idaho's nursing program who chooses to perform medical volunteering and/or shadowing in any non-BYU-I sponsored venues places a student at risk and is not recommended. Any student doing so is not approved and not covered legally by the University. Any misrepresentation of a student role in such experiences may be grounds for disciplinary action that includes dismissal from the nursing program.**

Warning to Nursing Students: Student nurses can frequently be the target of individuals in the community looking for cheap to free medical care. This is not safe. Nursing students have not completed their education and licensure. Student nurses have not been given the authority to provide such cares. This puts students and individuals at risk for giving or receiving inappropriate and unsafe care. This can occur through formal or informal requests. Your answer to such requests should always be no.