

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

POLICY # C-6

TITLE: REMOVAL OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM CLINICAL SETTINGS (Denial of Access to Patients)

POLICY: A faculty member has the authority to remove a student from the clinical setting when a student fails to conform to reasonable standards of performance or behavior or when, in the judgment of the faculty member, reasonable supervision is inadequate to insure patient welfare. Reasonable standards of performance are defined in the university course bulletin and the MSU Student Conduct & Instructional Guidelines & Grievance Procedures. Removal of a student from a clinical setting is a very serious matter. Each student must be provided an opportunity to achieve clinical course objectives and given an opportunity to learn from an error unless the behavior is so egregious that a patient may be at risk even with clinical supervision by the faculty member. While the decision to remove a student for a single assignment period can be made independently before notifying the Campus Director, decisions to remove a student for the remainder of the course or from all clinical settings are made in consultation with the Campus Director (or in his/her absence, the Campus Director's designee) and the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs.

Reviewed/Approved

Level I: UAAC (September 2012; May 2018)

Level II: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs (October 2012; May 2018)