

7.11 Unsafe Clinical Performance

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Any act, omission, or commission that may result in harm to the patient is considered unsafe clinical practice. Unsafe clinical practice includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Harm or threats to harm the physical, psychological, microbiological, chemical, or thermal safety of a patient.
2. Disregard of previously mastered principles, learning, or objectives in carrying out nursing skills and/or delegated medical functions.
3. Lack of adherence to current CDC guidelines for infection control.
4. Failure to recognize one's own limitations, incompetence, and/or legal responsibilities.
5. Failure to accept moral and legal responsibility for one's own actions, thereby violating professional integrity as expressed in the Code of Nurses, Good Professional Character policy.
6. Arrival at a clinical setting in an impaired condition as determined by the clinical instructor.

NOTE: An evaluation denoting unsafe clinical performance results in immediate dismissal from the practicum experience with a failing grade. A failure in the clinical portion of the course results in failure of the course regardless of theory grades.