THE READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
NURSING PROGRAM
POLICY NO. 328

SUBJECT: CPR Certification/ Recertification

Responsibility of: Curriculum Committee
Reviewed/Revised: September 2009

Purpose

The CPR Certification/ Recertification Policy is designed to inform students of the CPR requirements for the nursing program and to provide guidelines for students who will need to recertify during enrollment in the nursing program.

CPR Certification

CPR certification is required for participation in clinical experiences. The only acceptable BLS cards are: The **American Heart Association, Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers** or the **American Red Cross, Professional Rescuer**. The student is fully responsible and accountable to maintain current CPR certification status. Any costs associated with CPR certification and/or recertification is the responsibility of the student. All students are required to have current CPR certification which will be in effect through finals week of the currently enrolled semester. CPR certification which expires prior to the end (finals week) of the upcoming the semester must be renewed prior to the beginning of the semester in which the CPR expires. If a student's CPR expires, the student is prohibited from attending clinical experiences and is given a written warning that his/ her absence from clinical puts him/ her at risk for receiving an unsatisfactory clinical evaluation and thus course failure.

CPR Recertification

Student is required to renew CPR certification PRIOR to the beginning of the next semester. Student will be notified via email that his/ her CPR is going to expire before the end of the upcoming semester and that he/ she is required to attend one of the scheduled courses at The Reading Hospital and Medical Center (TRHMC) during break week (or find a course in the community prior to the beginning of the semester). CPR recertification is available throughout the year by contacting the CPR Program Coordinator (ext. 8963) at TRHMC. Advanced registration is required at least four weeks prior to the start of the class. A student whose CPR expires in an upcoming semester will have his/ her grades withheld until the CPR recertification requirement is fulfilled. Student is to take renewal card to Administrative Secretary on HS2, where a copy will be made and placed in the student's file. An expired CPR can result in inability to meet course objectives and result in clinical failure.