THE READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES POLICY NO. 370

SUBJECT: Electronic Devices

Responsibility of: TRHSHS Program Directors
Revised: September 2010 Reviewed: 2011

Purpose:

The School of Health Sciences promotes the use of electronic devices for the purpose of enhancing education. Electronic devices include, but are not limited to laptop computers, personal digital assistants (PDA), cell phones, recorders of any type, beepers, pagers, clinical resource tools (CRT) or any form of electronic equipment used for the purpose of communication. Students are required to follow these guidelines regarding the use of electronic devices:

- All electronic devices must be placed in the off mode during classroom and clinical experiences.
- Answering or sending messages during scheduled classroom/clinical experiences is disruptive to the learning environment and is not permitted.
- Recordings of classroom activities are permitted to assist with learning only after securing the consent of the instructor and any other individual (including students) whose voice or picture will be recorded.
- Electronic devices of all types are prohibited in the testing environment (Examinations, quizzes etc.). All electronic devices, including cell phones, are required to be completely out of sight of students during any form of testing. Students using any electronic devise for ANY purpose during any form of testing or secured graded assignment will be subject to disciplinary action according to the policy for academic integrity.
- The use of electronic devices is prohibited in all clinical areas of the hospital. Students are required to follow all restrictions as described by clinical instructors or hospital policy. The exception to this restriction is that students are permitted and encouraged to utilize their school-issued clinical resource tool (CRT) to assist in accessing learning resources, such as a drug guide. Use of the CRT for any purpose other than a direct learning activity, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the nursing program.
- Photography in the clinical setting is a violation of privacy and is prohibited.

The nursing program requires that all students purchase a clinical resource tool (CRT) for use in all nursing courses. The CRT will be billed to the student. The nursing program will purchase the CRT pre-loaded with a nursing software package. The nursing program will distribute the CRT to the student. Students are required to utilize the CRT for clinical research and are required to bring the CRT to all clinical experiences. Student may also be instructed to bring the CRT to specific classroom activities. The student is responsible for the use and care of the CRT. If the software on the CRT malfunctions, it is the student's responsibility to contact the vendor

for repair or replacement. If at any time the CRT is lost or stolen, it will be the student‘s responsibility to replace the CRT. The replacement CRT must be approved by the nursing program prior to purchase and must include comparable features and software of the original devise. The cost of all repairs, replacements, or reinstallation of software will be at the student’s expense and should be made in a timely manner so as to provide optimal use in the learning environment.