Mercer County Community College
Division of Health Professions
Nursing Program

Illness Procedure

Purpose: To ensure student attendance in course lecture, clinical and lab is sufficient for students to meet the objectives of each course.

Procedure:

1. Students are expected to be on time and attend all classes, labs, and clinical experiences. See Nursing Education Program Attendance Procedure.

2. Students may not attend class, including theory, lab, and clinical while acutely ill. Examples of acute illness include but are not limited to: vomiting, diarrhea, green or yellow drainage from the eye(s), a cough that disrupts normal activity, or a temperature greater than 100.4˚F.

3. Students must report their absence in theory, lab, or clinical to the course coordinator and instructor of the session being missed through e-mail, phone, or other method directed by the faculty.

4. Students may not return to class until they have been symptom free for 24 hours, without use of fever reducing medication.

5. The Nursing Education department does not require a provider's excuse note for an isolated episode of illness.

6. In the event of prolonged or repeated absences due to illness, the Nursing Education department may require a provider note to return to class.

7. After overnight hospitalization, surgery, or childbirth, students must submit a provider note indicating that they are cleared to return to Nursing Education program activities without restriction.

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