

**POLICY & PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>EMERGENCY CARE FOR INJURED ALLIED HEALTH &amp; NURSING CLINICAL/ PRACTICUM STUDENTS</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<b>July 21, 2010*</b> <i>(*Title Update 7/21/10; Original 8/7/01)</i>
<b>CANCELLATION:</b>	none
<b>OFFICE:</b>	Academic Affairs (AA)

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Students of Delgado Community College's Allied Health and Nursing programs are assessed an additional lab fee for all courses that require a practicum and/or clinical component. These fees are set aside to pay the initial medical charge for emergency care that would be required for a student who is injured during the clinical component of a course. These fees are placed in the College's general fund and payments for emergency care for the students as needed are made from this fund.

An injury is defined as a body fluid exposure from a patient, sharp sticks with a needle and/or other objects that may or may not be contaminated, or any other injury sustained by the student that is not due to the affiliate agency negligence and that requires immediate medical attention. Illness of any nature not related to an injury received in the clinical setting will be the sole responsibility of the student, and health care costs incurred will not be paid by the College.

The College is responsible for only the initial medical fee incurred by the student as it relates to the injury. Any subsequent medical care and fees from the injury are the sole responsibility of the student. In addition, each Nursing and Allied Health student is required to sign a statement that acknowledges that the student is responsible for any and all health care expenses incurred while enrolled in the program.

Payments for initial emergency care for clinical students are made upon approval of the appropriate Division Dean. An [incident report](#) initiated by the appropriate faculty or staff member and signed by the injured student, the faculty or staff member and the appropriate program director must be on file before payments are made.

**Attachment:**

[Clinical/Practicum Student Incident/Accident Report Form \(Form 2610/001\)](#)

**Review Process:**

Academic Affairs Council	8/2/01
Executive Council	8/7/01

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