



## Rankin SON Policy on Lab Use & Safety

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### PURPOSE

The Rankin School of Nursing labs provide nursing students with the opportunity to learn and develop skill competency.

The policy outlines acceptable practice and safety awareness for nursing students while in the nursing labs.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all nursing students and users of the SON nursing labs.

### DEFINITIONS

This includes an explanation of terms and abbreviations used within the policy and procedure.

Word/Term	Definition
SON	Rankin School of Nursing

### POLICY

The nursing labs are a shared learning space, and as such, students are expected to behave with integrity and professionalism. All nursing students are expected to be responsible and accountable for their behavior and maintain safety in their environment.

## PROCEDURE

1. Children and visitors are not permitted in the nursing labs.
2. When leaving the lab after practice, return beds to appropriate height and straighten linens.
3. The nursing labs should be left in the manner that they were found.
4. Follow universal precautions when exposure or potential exposure to blood or body fluids may occur.
5. If you have a known allergy to latex, notify your lab instructors as latex-free gloves are available.
6. Injection practice may only occur on the manikins or practice injection pads provided in the lab.
7. Needles are never recapped after use. Used needles are to be disposed of in the Sharps containers provided throughout the nursing lab.
8. Needles and other sharp objects must not be discarded in the trash or left out openly in the lab at any time.
9. In the event of a “clean” needle stick, notify the lab instructor immediately, so that first aid can be provided.
10. Students are prohibited from bringing in and using equipment from outside agencies for individual practice (i.e. needles & IV catheters).

## RELATED MATERIALS

CDC guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

<http://www.catie.ca/en/practical-guides/hepc-in-depth/prevention-harm-reduction/routine-practices-universal-precautions>

<http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/universa.html>

<https://ipac-canada.org/evidence-based-guidelines.php>