

Oklahoma Baptist University

College of Nursing

Student Confidentiality Agreement

Patient or client confidentiality at the facilities used by the Oklahoma Baptist College of Nursing during clinical experiences is of primary importance. In addition to each facility policy, a federal law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires patient health information to be kept confidential. Additionally, patients and their families have a right to deal with their issues in a private and secure manner, trusting that their privacy will be maintained. In order to protect this right to confidentiality and to comply with federal and state laws, students must agree to hold all information (including but not limited to, patient names, their health information, and relevant agency information) gained through their clinical assignments or professional/research projects at any facility used by the Oklahoma Baptist College of Nursing in strictest confidence. Confidentiality includes, but is not limited to:

- Discussing patients or their health conditions with persons who do not have a need to know;
- Accessing confidential information that is not within the scope of the assignment;
- Misusing, disclosing without proper authorization, or altering confidential information;
- Removing from the facility any documents with individually identifiable patient data from the facility.

I understand the terms of the Student Confidentiality Agreement, and I agree to abide by the above confidentiality requirements. I further understand that any breach of a patient's confidentiality may result in disciplinary action against me as described in the Oklahoma Baptist College of Nursing Student Handbook.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date