SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICY

Policy Name: Clinical Supervision

Approval Authority: Rutgers School of Nursing Faculty

Responsible Executive: Executive Vice Dean

Responsible Office: Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track

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1. Policy Statement: To assure patient safety and promote clinical competence.

2. Who Should Read this Policy: faculty, administration, and all Nurse Anesthesia students

3. Resources and Related Documents:

   Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).
   Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs, June 2016
   Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs-Practice Doctorate, June 2016
   http://home.coa.us.com/accreditation/Pages/Accreditation-Policies,-Procedures- and-
   Standards.aspx

   School of Nursing Student Policies
   http://nursing.rutgers.edu/policies/index.html

   Nurse Anesthetist;
   Practice;
   http://www.aana.com/resources2/professionalpractice/Pages/Professional-Practice-Manual.aspx

4. Policy

Only Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and/or anesthesiologists with medical staff
privileges granted by the clinical affiliate institution that meet criteria established in program policy:
CLINICAL STANDARDS can supervise student nurse anesthetists in the clinical setting.
Supervising individuals must possess current state licensure. CRNAs must be certified by the
Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. Physician residents, fellows or senior nurse
anesthesia students are not considered qualified personnel, but can be part of a team approach to case
management along with student nurse anesthetists. Appropriate supervising individuals must be
immediately available in the clinical area and assume responsibility for the supervision of the SRNA
at all times. The intensity of clinical supervision must be coordinated to insure patient safety and
must take into consideration: the student’s knowledge, ability and experience; the physical status of
the patient; the complexity of the anesthetic and/or surgical procedure; and the experience of the instructor. The ratio of clinical instructor/supervisor (either anesthesiologist or CRNA supervisor) to student nurse anesthetist shall not exceed 1:2 at any time. Under no circumstances is a student nurse anesthetist permitted to initiate any type of anesthetic without the presence of appropriate supervising personnel in accordance with program policies and those of the clinical affiliate site. Students are required to continuously consult with supervising individuals during the course of anesthetic, particularly prior to emergence, extubation and transfer of patients. This policy applies to all areas in a clinical facility in which anesthesia services are rendered by SN Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track Students, including but not limited to: the endoscopy, radiology or special procedures suites, and hospital units in which emergency airway management or conscious sedation is provided. Failure of students to adhere to this supervision policy may result in failure of the clinical course and dismissal from the Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track.