

Indiana State University
School of Nursing
Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Safe Practice Policy

Unprofessional conduct defined by the Nurse Practice Act is nursing behaviors (act, knowledge, and practices) failing to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing nursing practice, which could jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of the public. As unlicensed or licensed students, these behaviors shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Using unsafe judgment, technical skills, or inappropriate interpersonal behaviors in providing nursing care.
2. Performing any nursing technique or procedure for which the nurse is unprepared by education or experience.
3. Disregarding a patient/client's dignity, right to privacy, or right to confidentiality.
4. Failing to provide nursing care because of diagnosis, age, sex, race, color, or creed.
5. Abusing a patient/client verbally, physically, emotionally, or sexually.
6. Falsifying, omitting, or destroying documentation of nursing actions on the official patient/client record.
7. Abandoning or knowingly neglecting patients/clients requiring nursing care.
8. Delegating nursing care, functions, tasks, or responsibility to others when the nurse knows, or should know, that such delegation is to the detriment of patient safety.
9. Providing one's license/temporary permit to another individual for any reason.
10. Failing to practice nursing in accordance with prevailing nursing standards due to physical or psychological impairment.
11. Diverting prescription drugs for one's own, or another person's, use.
12. Misappropriating money or property from a patient/client or employee.
13. Failing to notify, in writing, the appropriate party, which may include:
 - a. the office of the attorney general, consumer protection division;
 - b. his or her employer or contracting agency; or
 - c. the board of any unprofessional conduct which may jeopardize patient/client safety.

(Indiana State Board of Nursing; 848 IAC 2-2-3; filed Oct. 25, 1991; 5:00p.m.: 15 IR 243, readopted filed Nov. 6, 2001, 4:18pm.: 25 IR 939; readopted filed Jul. 19, 2007, 12:54p.m.: 200 70808-IR-8480 70058 A)

Engaging in any of the above behaviors or violating the University Standards, as outlined in the [Code of Student Conduct](#), may result in dismissal from the course, Nursing Program, or University.

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