SCHOOL OF NURSING, MIDWIFERY and PARAMEDICINE

GUIDELINE

MANUAL HANDLING POLICY

IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLE

It is a requirement that all students achieve a competency related to Manutention (Manual Handling) before attending clinical placement. This is a requirement by the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (1996), School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine and Industry Partners.

GUIDELINE DETAILS

1. Requirements

- Manual handling certification is compulsory for all future Nursing and Midwifery students prior to commencement of study.
- Students are required to provide yearly certification of the Manual Handling competency.
- The certificate must be in date until the completion of the clinical practicum
- It is the responsibility of the student to source agencies that provide nationally accredited Manual Handling training for Health professionals.
- Evidence needs to be provided to the Nursing and Midwifery Clinical Office.
- Placement to all metropolitan health facilities as well as rural and remote will only be granted once evidence has been seen and verified.

2. Course content

Course content of Manutention method of safe manual handling tasks, theory and practice must include:
- Basic principles of manual handling
- Transferring and repositioning of clients (including; bed to chair, bed to standing, chair to standing and assisting a client from the floor)
- Correct use of appropriate equipment
- Problem solving

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