



**CARTHAGE
COLLEGE**

**DEPARTMENT OF
NURSING**

During the course of caring for patients and their families, nursing students may be exposed to infectious diseases such as Hepatitis B or C, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB), or other infectious/communicable diseases. Nursing students are also at risk for injuries during caregiving activities, including needle stick injuries, back injuries, or fall injuries. The Department of Nursing mandates learning opportunities which assist learners to identify risks and reduce exposure, such as standard precautions training, and it has instituted safeguards such as immunization requirements to assist students in reducing health risks and preventing injuries. It is the learner's responsibility to inform the Department of Nursing and the College's Student Health service of a change in their health status, such as pregnancy, contraction of a communicable or infectious disease, or any injury that could affect their performance as soon as possible. In the event of an injury during clinical, the policy of the agency where the practicum is occurring will be followed.

I have read and understand this policy.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____