



**NEEDLE STICK POLICY & TRAINING IN BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT FORM**

*School policy requires that each student must sign and return this form prior to any clinical placement affiliated with their educational preparation at the University of Washington, Tacoma Nursing Program. The policy complies with UW School of Nursing and UW Tacoma Nursing Program affiliation agreements with clinical agencies and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) rules, and has been developed for the safety of you and your clients, subjects and/or patients. If you have questions, please schedule an appointment with your academic adviser to discuss them.*

**Acknowledgment:**

- I. (New Faculty and Students) I have been provided a copy (reverse side) of the UW Tacoma Nursing Program Needle Stick Policy. I have read the policy and shall retain it for future reference.
- II. I understand that prior to beginning an assignment in a clinical agency I must have received training in the following aspects of blood borne pathogens:
- epidemiology & symptoms of blood borne diseases
  - models of transmission
  - explanation of the University exposure control plan (contained in the Needle Stick Policy)
  - methods to control exposure
  - information on protective clothing and equipment
  - emergency information (contained in the Needle Stick Policy)
  - an opportunity to ask questions about this information.
- III. I acknowledge having received such training (*check appropriate line*);
- as a part of my prior work or educational experience.
  - by viewing the video entitled "Universal Precautions: AIDS and Hepatitis B Prevention for Healthcare Workers" which is available through the University Library System.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty\Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS & INFECTION CONTROL POLICY** Please sign and return the Acknowledgment Form indicating that you have read and understood the enclosed information on the blood-borne pathogens and other potential exposures to infected body fluids and the policies on infection control procedures [with] special emphasis on health care providers infected with HBV/HIV.

Following is the UW School of Nursing/UW Tacoma Nursing Program Student Health Policy for the care of students who are exposed to potentially infected fluid from a patient while engaged in clinical learning experiences. This policy is in compliance with the established protocol for all Health Sciences Professional students. The steps in the process are briefly outlined below and described in more detail in the Student Health Policy. Please note that it is essential that students are triaged as soon as possible after exposure, since treatment with Zidovudine (if chosen) must begin within four hours of the incident.

### **BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN POLICY**

Emergency first aid, risk assessment, laboratory testing, and medications for prophylaxis of blood- or secretion-borne pathogens (BBP) will be available to students at the clinical site's employee health office. If there is no employee health office at the clinical site, students are to seek care at the nearest emergency room.

Written documentation of a needle stick or exposure to a blood-borne pathogen incident and the actions taken must be recorded on a University of Washington incident report form. Incident reports may be picked up or faxed from the UWT Nursing Office or the Academic Services Office of the UWS School of Nursing (T310). The agency may also request you to fill out their incident report. Please do so **AFTER** you have called for immediate triage.

All Nursing students are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to have personal [health insurance](#) or join a health care plan to cover the expenses of their health care and treatments in case of a catastrophic illness or injury and/or the development of a serious chronic condition within or outside the occupational setting.

### **POLICY ON INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS INFECTED WITH HBV/HIV/HCV**

In compliance with the University of Washington Infection Control Procedures regarding blood-borne disease, the School of Nursing supports voluntary reporting of HIV/HBV/HCV status. As part of their professional responsibility and accountability, we encourage all faculty and students to be aware of their risk status for HBV/HIV/HCV. If they are at risk for these diseases, we encourage them to seek testing and to notify us of their status so as not to place patients in a position of risk. We recommend adhering to CDC guidelines which state that infected individuals cannot do any procedure where their hands are enclosed in a body cavity with poor visibility, they are holding a sharp instrument, and there is possibility of bleeding into the patient's body cavity. If an infected student or faculty member must engage in such activities, each situation should be reviewed and specific practice protocol developed. All students have been taught universal precautions as part previous education or workplace training. Following these policies is essential for the protection of both the care provider and the patient and minimizes any risk to either party.