

Sierra Vista Regional Health Center

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POLICY:

Medical students, Physician Assistant students, and Nurse Practitioners may obtain approval for temporary, limited scope of practice at Sierra Vista Regional Health Center, providing that the following conditions are met.

A. Application shall consist of:

1. A letter of recommendation from their accredited program, with a statement regarding the student's current level of training and competence.
2. Sponsorship (preceptor) letter, signed by active staff member, with the time period included.

B. Qualifications:

1. The medical student must be enrolled in an accredited training program.
2. Students must provide proof of professional liability coverage, in the amount of \$1,000,000/ \$3,000,000.
3. The student must perform under the supervision of an active staff member of Sierra Vista Regional Health Center's medical staff, who shall serve as preceptor. It is the responsibility of the designated preceptor to arrange supervision by other active staff members, and to notify the medical staff office of those arrangements.

C. Scope of Practice for Medical Students & Physician Assistant Students:

1. May perform histories, physicals and write progress notes. Report must be immediately counter-signed by preceptor, and before they are accepted as part of the permanent medical record.
2. May scrub-in and perform non-critical tasks under the direct supervision of the active staff member.
3. Medical students only may perform minor diagnostic procedures under the direct supervision of the active staff member.

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4. May accept verbal orders from the sponsoring active staff physician and so document in the chart, subject to D, 1, below.

D. Restrictions:

1. Students may write orders in the chart, but the orders must be co-signed (or verbally verified) with the sponsoring physician before the order is taken off. Such orders will be written with both the student's and the physician's names attached (e.g., "V. Smart, M.D., per I.M. Green, MSIII."). Nurses are not to carry out student orders until a physician's signature is attached to the order, or telephone permission is obtained from the physician.
2. A nametag must be worn by the medical student, identifying the medical school and the student's level.
3. Students are required to abide by SVRHC's bylaws and policies.
4. Students are required to comply with Sierra Vista Regional Health Center's employee health program, policy and procedures, and provide to employee health services results of TB skin test within the last twelve months, and documentation of MMR immunity, either through proof of vaccination or titer.
5. Patient consent and acknowledgment of the physician assistant student's presence during any appropriate patient care activity is required; the sponsoring physician must introduce the student to the patient and obtain verbal consent, wherever possible (based on the condition of the patient).
6. If at any time, an issue is not able to be resolved between SVRHC and participating colleges, the rotation may be terminated immediately.

Nurse Practitioner Students

E. Scope of Practice:

1. May function within the capacity of the specialized criteria for their scope of practice; i.e. Adult NP, etc., however, the sponsoring physician must oversee the student directly, and the student may only perform those functions which the director of the program has stated that the student is competent.