

TCU, HARRIS COLLEGE-NURSING

**STUDENT CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

Patient confidentiality at the facilities used by TCU, Harris College-Nursing is of primary importance. In addition to each facility policy, a federal law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires patient health information to be kept confidential. Additionally, patients and their families have a right to deal with their issues in a private and secure manner, trusting that their privacy will be maintained. In order to protect this right to confidentiality and to comply with federal and state laws, students must agree to hold all information (including, but not limited to, patient names, their health information, and relevant agency information) gained through their clinical assignments or professional/research projects at any facility used by TCU, Harris College-Nursing in strictest confidence. Confidentiality includes, but is not limited to, not discussing patients or their health conditions with persons who do not have a need to know and not removing any documents with individually identifiable patient data from the facility.

I also understand the terms of this Student Confidentiality Agreement, and I agree to abide by the above confidentiality requirements. I further understand that any breach of a patient's confidentiality may result in disciplinary action against me as described in the Harris College-Nursing student handbook.

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Printed faculty name

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Student signature

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Faculty signature

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Date

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Date

**Effective September 2003**

To be initiated by course faculty during course orientation

To be filed in student's file in Harris College-Nursing's administrative office