

Policy Name: Usage of Electronic Technologies in Clinical Setting (Nursing)

Approving Authority: Nursing Program Committee

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### **Statement**

The Usage of Electronic Technologies in Clinical Setting (Nursing) Policy of Beal University Canada (“BUC” or the “University”) supports the commitment to ensure appropriate use of Social Media. The Nursing Program Committee will review this policy annually.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to inform and guide the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (“BScN”) students on the appropriate use of electronic communications and social media when enrolled as a BScN student at the University.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

The nursing faculty are responsible for implementation of this policy. The Dean of Nursing has oversight responsibility of this policy.

### **Policy**

All communication within the BScN program should be of a respectful, professional nature. Disrespectful communication, derogatory statements, or misrepresentation can result in an allegation of professional misconduct.

Use of Electronic Technologies in Practice Settings:

- Cell phones, tablets, laptops, and other electronic devices may not be used during clinical practice unless the student has consent from the Clinical Instructor and when these items are necessary for work in the clinical setting. Students should discuss the appropriate use of electronic devices with the Clinical Instructor and agency policies must be followed;
- Personal responses to text and voice communications should be restricted to allocated breaks or emergencies;
- Students are not to ‘friend’ or accept friend requests from patients/clients;
- Students shall not share any private or confidential information about clients/patients or the placement agency on any social media format.

#### Alleged Violations and Appeals Process

In the event that a complaint is received about the inappropriate use of social media and electronic technologies, a Professional Conduct review by the University may result (see Student Code of Conduct Policy).

Additionally, the University will follow the Corrective Action Policy, under the principles of natural justice, which provides the required steps to be followed to include the Complainant's appeal process.

### **Related Policies and Documents**

AA-003 Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources Policy

AA-004 Corrective Action Policy

SA-001 Student Code of Conduct

IT-005 Use of Information Technology Policy