

Bradley University
College of Education and Health Science
Department of Nursing

Policy: Use of Technology in the Practicum Setting

Purpose: To delineate appropriate use of technology in the practicum setting.

Policy Statement:

1. Use of cellular phones is precluded by the policy of the institution at which the practicum is being held.
2. Use of cellular phones in the clinical setting to access BU approved software is approved. Use of a cellular device may be limited to a specific area of the unit as deemed appropriate by the instructor, unit manager, or hospital administration.
3. Inappropriate use of cellular phones including, but not limited to: personal texting, accessing the Internet for any type of social media, playing videos, checking e-mail, or personal phone calls, is strictly prohibited. Infractions of this policy will result in the student being dismissed from the practicum unit, which will result in an unexcused absence on the practicum evaluation.
4. In the event of a student needing to use a cellular phone to either make or receive a personal call in the event of a family emergency, the student should make the instructor aware of the situation so that use of the cellular phone will not be misinterpreted.
5. Cellular phones should not be used in the presence of patients, visitors, etc. Pictures may not be taken with a cellular phone without written permission from the parties involved. This includes pictures of: information posted on the unit, people, patients, equipment, or digital information.
6. Specific use of cellular phones may be modified or eliminated by the practicum instructor without prior notice.
7. When applicable, computers on the unit will be used to access pertinent clinical information that is not available on the required software of the nursing program. Use of the computer and Internet will be monitored for appropriateness.
8. Students who are employees of the practicum institution will use their student computer log-in when performing student-related functions. Use of an employee log-in for computer use is not permitted in the student role.