Students are to be directly supervised by their clinical faculty, unless an alternative observational experience (ie, OR) has been arranged.

- Senior level courses such as Leadership/Management or individually preceptor situations, the staff nurse will share responsibility for students with the faculty member.

Student charting will be reviewed and co-signed by the RN faculty member.

- At all times the care of the patient and family remains the responsibility of the staff RN. Any change in a patient’s condition is to be reported to the staff nurse immediately.

There are certain nursing tasks and roles that legally require a licensed registered nurse’s signature and therefore student nurses will NOT be able to perform. Students are welcome to observe and participate in parts of such tasks and roles that would be appropriate for students to partake in.

Tasks and Roles Students CANNOT participate in:

- Access to Pyxis
- Patient Consent Forms
- Administration of Blood or Blood Products
- IV Chemotherapy
- Taking Verbal or Phone Orders
- Caring for a patient (such as SARS or TB) in airborne precaution room (students will not be fit-tested for the appropriate respiratory personal protective equipment)
- High risk medications requiring 2 RN signatures at the initial set up of the infusion and with bag changes such as heparin, IV insulin, concentrated IV infusions, PCA narcotics
  - This means the faculty RN and staff RN needs to verify they have checked these meds along with the student (who is unlicensed). Chart the first and last name of the staff member and the faculty member in the box provided on the EMAR.