SIMULATION AND CLINICAL PERFORMANCE LAB GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

Faculty members at the UTHealth School of Nursing are committed to promoting educational excellence. The purpose of the Simulation and Clinical Performance Laboratory (SCPL) is to enhance the didactic learning experience with clinical laboratory learning experiences. The SCPL should be a safe, organized, efficient, welcoming environment with health care equipment to be used for hands-on student learning.

Students who use the SCPL are expected to
1. come prepared to lab (i.e., with stethoscope and other supplies) as instructed by course faculty. Preparation may also include assigned readings or videos.
2. wear UTHealth SON uniform, including UT ID (undergraduates, see policy U4860).
3. avoid bringing food and drinks into lab rooms.
4. practice proper hand washing technique while using the SCPL.
5. report any physical limitations, illness, injury, or latex allergy to faculty.
6. use equipment and supplies safely and for their designed purpose in the SCPL only.
7. lock wheels on beds, stretchers, and wheelchairs during practice.
8. dispose sharps (i.e., needles and ampules) in sharps containers; vials and syringes may be recycled if instructed by the SCPL staff.
9. report any malfunctioning or broken equipment, spills, full sharps containers to faculty or SCPL staff.
10. keep lab doors free from obstruction—backpacks, etc. should be placed on benches in the lab hallway.
11. move mannequins, if necessary, only with the assistance of SCPL staff.
12. avoid using pens, felt-tipped markers, iodine, betadine, or surgical lubricant near mannequins.
13. help keep the lab tidy for the next users.
14. schedule extra practice time (i.e., for practice of specific skills outside of scheduled lab sessions for a course) by emailing lab staff: sonskillslab@uth.tmc.edu. The lab is open Mon-Fri from 0800-1600; however, lab rooms or lab staff may not be available for individual or small group assistance, so please schedule practice time at least 24 hours in advance.
15. provide lab staff with UT ID when independently practicing skills in small exams rooms.