The Health Sciences Student Handbook shares information concerning policies, procedures, and requirements of all allied health students. In addition to reviewing the Health Sciences Student Handbook, students are also required to review program-specific policies found in the handbook of the program in which he/she is enrolled.

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Stanly Community College
Mission, Vision, Values

Mission

Stanly Community College offers a learner centered environment that encourages student access, success and completion. The College values partnerships, life-long learning, and actively strives to enhance the economic, social and cultural life of the community.

Vision

Stanly Community College will be the gateway for higher education and a positive catalyst for change in the communities we serve by

- providing quality instruction;
- being a committed economic development partner; and
- offering an outstanding customer service experience

Values

STUDENT SUCCESS is the foundation of all our values. SCC exists to create a well-rounded education for our students. We seek to equip them so that they may enrich their lives, serve our community, and be productive citizens.

COMMUNITY is essential to the College’s mission. The College strives to reflect our community’s demographics in the student body, faculty, and staff. We pursue relationships with local industries, other learning institutions, and government and civic organizations to provide educational and training resources to meet the needs of the local community.

EQUITY is fairness in action. Meeting students where they are and providing the needed resources to help students from all backgrounds achieve their individual goals. The College firmly believes students can attain success no matter the socioeconomic factors in the community.

INNOVATION in all of our efforts puts us at the forefront of exciting new initiatives and technologies. Changing industry and educational standards require SCC to stay vigilant in seeking better ways to provide effective student and community support.

EXCELLENCE is our commitment. We demonstrate excellence in our teaching, our partnerships, our services, and our planning to provide our faculty, staff, and partners with the training, motivation, and opportunities necessary to accomplish our mission. We continuously improve through data-informed decisions.

Strategic Plan

Click here to view Stanly Community College's 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.
**Academic Dishonesty**
Prohibited student behaviors include academic dishonesty related to clinical and academic activities which include, but are not limited to: taking or acquiring possession of any academic material from a College employee or fellow student without permission; receiving or giving help during tests or other assessments of learning; submitting papers or assignments as originals that are not the student’s own work. Plagiarism involves the use of someone else’s words, work, writings, thoughts, and ideas without giving credit to the author. Material submitted for this course must be that of the student submitting it and must be original work. Students found responsible for plagiarism may be disciplined at the instructional level or the matter may be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students where it may be handled as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Students found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct may receive penalties up to and including suspension. An instructor may discipline students involved in minor infractions of the rules and regulations of the classroom, as the instructor has the authority to define proper classroom behavior. Other violations of the Code of Conduct will be referred to the Dean of Students for resolution.

**Accident Insurance**
All SCC students pay fees each enrolled term to obtain accident insurance. The insurance provides coverage for accidental bodily injuries received while on campus during those hours classes are in session and while taking part in school activities. Students should contact the business office for information concerning this coverage.

**Advising**
Stanly Community College recognizes the value of academic advising in student success. The College has determined the need for mandatory advising of first-year students to establish a clear academic plan and develop an advisor-advisee relationship. Before registering for classes, first-year students are required to schedule an advising session with an assigned Success Coach (advisor) by visiting https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/advising. When the student successfully completes his/her first 30 hours of the program of study, he/she will be given permission to self-register. Should further advising assistance be needed, the student can return to his/her assigned Success Coach.

**Campus Hours**
The College facilities are open for students at 7:30 a.m. on days of operation and close 15 minutes after classes conclude for the day.

**CastleBranch**
Clinical affiliates may require all students participating in clinical activities and patient care to complete a criminal background check, drug screening, and provide proof of immunization status, health status, and CPR certification. To fulfill contractual agreements with clinical affiliates, students are required to submit documentation of these requests using CastleBranch (formerly known as Certified Background). CastleBranch is an online tracking system (username and password protected) that reports to clinical affiliates. Clinical affiliates make the decision to grant student clinical privileges on an individual basis.
Each clinical affiliate reserves the right to deny student access based on CastleBranch documentation. Clinical site denial will result in the student’s inability to complete the clinical portion of the course and subsequently, the student will be unable to progress in the program of study.

Any allegations or charges of misdemeanor(s) or felony(s) that occur after the criminal background check has been originally submitted must be reported to the program head immediately.

**Class Attendance**
Refer to SCC’s Class Attendance Policy found at [https://www.stanly.edlab.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=1](https://www.stanly.edlab.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=1).

**Class Tardiness**
Students are expected to be on time for all classes. Important announcements are made at the beginning of class, in addition to homework assignments being checked or turned in and quizzes being given. Tardiness to class can be considered disruptive to the other students, as well as the instructor. NOTE: See program specific information regarding lab, clinical, and testing tardiness.

**Classroom Rules and Dress Code**
Students may not eat or drink in the program labs (with biohazard areas), computer labs, or SimLab.

**General Dress Code**
- Students are expected to exhibit a neat, professional appearance while in class and lab.

**Lab Dress Code**
- Students are required to wear closed toed shoes in lab.

**Clinical Dress Code**
- Uniforms: Uniforms must be clean, wrinkle-free, and approved by the respective program. Students may not wear dangling ribbons, bows, or scarves.
- Shoes: Clean, closed toed shoes must be worn in clinic.
- Student ID: SCC student photo ID badge must be worn at collar level and visible at all times.
- Hair: Hair must be neat, clean and off the collar. Long hair must be neatly pinned or pulled back as hair should not fall forward when providing patient care. No sunglasses, worn either on the face or on the head, are allowed in the clinical site.
- Cosmetics: No perfume or cologne.
- Jewelry: Small posts may be worn in lower lobe of pierced ears. No visible body piercings (other than ear) may be worn. No tattoos or body branding showing. All students (with the exception of RAD and MLT) must wear a watch with a second hand or digital second indicator. Smart watches are not allowed.
- Nails: Nails must be cut to just cover the fingertips and kept clean. No nail polish. No artificial nails for infection control reasons.
- Gum: No chewing gum in the clinical areas.

**Any student who is not in compliance with the dress code will be sent home and given a clinical absence.**
Clinical Schedules
The Director of Clinical Education (DCE)/Clinical Coordinator/Practicum Coordinator makes clinical rotation schedules. Evening/weekend clinical rotations may be required. Students may not make any changes to schedule without approval of the DCE/Clinical Coordinator/Practicum Coordinator. Students should not volunteer for additional rotations or for special observations without the consent of the DCE/Clinical Coordinator/Practicum Coordinator. Students should not represent themselves as an SCC student while functioning in roles outside of school and clinical assignments (i.e., visitors, employees). Any student violating these rules is subject to dismissal from the program.

Clinical Site Denial
Any student who is denied attendance to a clinical site is not allowed to continue in the program. Failure to participate in clinical rotations will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

College Policies
College policies can be found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies. Students are responsible for reading and abiding by college policies.

Confidentiality
Students must maintain confidentiality regarding patients, medical records, and care provided during any clinical experience. The student is required to sign a confidentiality statement stating he/she understands and will abide by the policy. (See Confidentiality Statement in Appendix, Page II.) Any break of this policy may result in dismissal from the program and possible prosecution.

Consent to Release Information
Students must consent to the release of a copy of their medical record and CPR certification card to the clinical affiliates when requested. Students must also allow for verification of their social security number for identification purposes and release of criminal background check and drug screening results to clinical affiliates when requested. (See Consent to Release Information in Appendix, Page III.)

CPR Certification
All students must be CPR certified by the American Heart Association and maintain this certification throughout the program. Failure to maintain certification may jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical activities. CPR certification will be at the student’s expense.

Disability Services (ADA)
Refer to the SCC’s Disability Services webpage found at https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/counseling/disability-services.
Drug Free Campus and Workplace
Refer to SCC’s Drug Free Campus and Workplace Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=45.

Clinical affiliates that provide clinical experience reserve the right to require testing in compliance with drug and alcohol policies of the institution. Students testing positive for drug or alcohol use in violation of the policies will not be able to participate in clinical activities of the program and risk dismissal from the program. Failure to comply with a request to be tested will result in dismissal from the program. Drug testing will be at the student’s expense.

Electronic Devices / Internet Usage
Students are expected to seek optimal learning experiences in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings. Electronic devices such as cellular phones, cameras, audio/video recorders, and personal computers/tablets may be used if used properly and according to policy. Failure to comply with any of the following rules will result in dismissal from the classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings and may jeopardize current standing the program. Students will agree to comply by the following rules:

- Students must ask the instructor for permission to record class lectures with their own personal recorders.
- Students may not record/photograph testing documents.
- Students must ask permission prior to using personal computers or other electronic devices during class and are expected to comply with SCC’s Computer and Network Use Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=21. In classes where Internet access is provided, the student may use the Internet for valid, academic purposes only.
- Students who have been granted permission by the instructor may have cellular phones in the classroom or laboratory settings only if set to vibrate (no audible ringtones).
- Cameras and audio/video recorders are not allowed in the clinical area.

Graduation Requirements
Refer to SCC’s Graduation Requirements webpage at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/academic-regulations/graduation-requirements.

Health Services / Illness and Injuries
Injuries requiring more than minor first aid will be referred to local physicians. In case of illness or emergency on the college campus, the switchboard operator should be notified, who may then call 911. Medical care or transportation by ambulance service will be at the student’s expense. In the event of injury, illness, or emergency in the clinical setting, the student will be referred to the clinical facility’s emergency department if on site. If the clinical facility does not have an emergency department on site, the student will be referred to the nearest emergency department or urgent care facility.
Health Sciences Student Handbook Receipt and Acknowledgment
All allied health students are required to review and abide by all rules and regulations set forth in the Health Sciences Student Handbook and sign a receipt and acknowledgement. (See Health Sciences Student Handbook Receipt and Acknowledgement in Appendix, Page I.)

Hospital Orientations and OSHA Regulations
Instructors will provide students information via written educational material and/or video series concerning: infection control basics, blood-borne pathogens, confidentiality, customer service standards, electrical and fire safety, ergonomics, hazard communication, and patient and public safety. The student is responsible for reading and/or viewing the material and adhering to all standard policies.

Individual clinical affiliates may also require separate orientation sessions or modules. Each student will be responsible for completing these orientation sessions or modules as applicable. The student will be held accountable for hospital policies and procedures discussed for each clinical affiliate and for uploading the necessary documentation into CastleBranch.

Inclement Weather Notification
Refer to SCC’s Inclement Weather Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=46.

Infectious Disease
Because of the nature of the health care profession, students participating in lab practice and required clinical education experiences will find themselves at risk for exposure to infectious diseases. The risk cannot be eliminated; however, it can be minimized by education and the implementation of "Universal/Standard Precautions" on all occasions. In the event of a student exposure incident, the clinical affiliate or instructor will notify the program designee concerning the incident. Proper documentation will be completed and the student will be advised according to hospital policy on follow-up procedure and/or seeking medical attention. (See Student Occupational Exposure Incident Report Form in Appendix, Page VI.)

Students are required to follow Standard Precautions in the care of all patients, regardless of a known infection status.
Standard Precautions include (but are not limited to):

- Wear gloves and perform hand hygiene.
- Use proper hand hygiene procedure after contact with blood or body substances.
- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) including gowns, masks, and safety goggles when appropriate.
- Treat all blood and body fluids as potentially infectious.
- Handle sharps carefully and dispose in approved sharps containers appropriately.
- Do not eat, drink, store food, apply cosmetics, smoke, or handle contact lenses in work areas where blood exposure could occur.
- Perform procedures to minimize splashing or spraying.
• Follow procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting the environment.
• Handle soiled equipment to protect yourself, patients, and the environment from the spread of germs.
• Handle all soiled linens as contaminated with body fluids.
• Place specimens in appropriate containers during collecting, handling, processing, storing, transporting, or shipping. Use biohazard labeling.
• Remove broken glass by mechanical means such as tongs, forceps, or dustpan and brush.
• Do not reach into a sharps container with bare hands.

**Liability (Malpractice) Insurance**

All students are required to purchase liability (malpractice) insurance for protection in the event of a liability claim of a personal or professional nature resulting from the performance of clinical duties. This fee will be collected with the semester tuition payment twice within each academic year. Students will not be allowed to participate in clinical activities until this fee is paid in full. This insurance is separate from the accident insurance available to all students.

**Medical Release**

If at any time during the length of the program a student experiences changes in his/her medical condition from what is documented on the student medical form, he/she is required to notify the Director of Clinical Education/Clinical Coordinator/Practicum Coordinator within 48 hours of the hospitalization or care. Changes in condition which must be communicated include, but are not limited to pregnancy, childbirth, fractures, all surgical procedures, etc. The student is to provide a medical release by the medical professional providing care in order to return to the classroom, lab, and clinical settings. All instructional areas must be addressed on the medical release form. The essential functions and performance standards noted in the program manual must be maintained to provide safe care to patients and a safe environment for learning.

During the active dates under the care of a medical professional through the release date, students will be denied access to re-enter the classroom, lab, and clinical settings, including Canvas access, unless the medical release specifies differently. Access will be restored based on the date of the release. Students will immediately be dismissed from the program if this policy is breached. When a student is unable to complete course requirements, the Program Director and Director of Clinical Education/Clinical Coordinator/Practicum Coordinator, will decide whether the student will be issued an incomplete grade. If applicable, the student may reapply to the program following the re-entry policy. (See Medical Release Form in Appendix, Page V.)

**Netiquette**

Refer to SCC’s Netiquette Rule found at [https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/rules?ruleView=22](https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/rules?ruleView=22).
Off-Campus Events (Conferences, Field Trips, etc.)
Throughout the program, students may have the opportunity to attend a variety of professional conferences. Any expenses incurred will be the individual student’s responsibility. SCC considers any conference a college-related activity and therefore, all College/program rules and policies are applicable for students attending the off-campus activity. Students will complete and sign the SCC Travel Responsibilities and Participation Form prior to attending the activity or conference. For more information, refer to SCC’s Field Trip Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=151.

Online Course Modules
Components of web-based courses are available online through the learning management system (LMS). Canvas is the online learning management system currently used at SCC. In addition to the Student Gmail account provided to each student by SCC, the learning management system (LMS) has its own email system. Students are encouraged to check both accounts daily. Refer to each course syllabus to determine the preferred method of contact with each instructor.

Office Hours: Instructors have office hours each semester to read and respond to email(s). Students may email the instructor at any time. Refer to each course syllabi for response/feedback expectations. Individual appointments with the instructor may be arranged on an “as needed” basis. It is best to call or email to arrange for an appointment.

Professionalism
Students should always demonstrate high standards of professionalism in all settings and display a well-developed sense of moral obligation, ethical judgment, and respect for patients, staff, and faculty. Students who exhibit immature or inappropriate behavior, violate the SCC Student Code of Conduct, or violate the clinical site code of conduct will be subject to an unsatisfactory evaluation without remediation and possible dismissal from the program.

Program Evaluations
Each semester, students are given the opportunity to complete a variety of evaluations including course evaluations, instructor evaluations, clinical site evaluations, preceptor evaluations, and medical director/physician evaluations. Student responses are confidential and will be reported to the faculty and academic administrators without student identifiers after grades are posted.

Safety Announcement
SCC strives to protect students, employees, and visitors. Students can help the college to protect everyone by reporting any threats to an instructor, to security, or to another college official. The college is proactive in taking steps to protect anyone who has reason to believe that he/she is in danger. Also, keep belongings in secure places and report any suspicious activities to college officials.
Smoking/Tobacco-Free Campus Policy
Refer to SCC’s Tobacco-Free Campus Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=53.

Social Media and Networking
Refer to SCC’s Social Media and Networking Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=99.

Student Code of Conduct
Refer to SCC’s Student Code of Conduct Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=66.

Student Grievance
Refer to SCC’s Student Grievance Policy found at https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=75.

Student Resources
The Student Resources page (https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/student-resources) links students to commonly used resources including:

- **Email**: After a student’s application has processed, SCC provides each student with a Student Gmail account. Students are encouraged to check this email account daily as course instructors and other college employees use this account to communicate important messages.

- **Self-Service**: Self-Service is a web interface that allows students to access information from SCC’s database. Through Self-Service, students can plan their courses, register for courses, make payments, view grades, access financial aid information, and view payment transactions.

- **Help Desk**: SCC’s Help Desk offers technical support for students. Questions will be answered by Help Desk personnel or directed to the appropriate area of the college.

- **Starfish**: Starfish is a web interface that allows students to view messages about his/her academic progress or request assistance.
  - **Flag**: If a student misses an assignment, fails to attend/participate in the course, or has academic issues, he/she may receive a flag (or notification) in Starfish and by SCC email. This flag is raised by an instructor as an avenue to assist the student. After the flag is raised, the student will then receive an email or phone call from a SCC Success Coach who will offer assistance.
  - **Kudos**: An instructor may send Kudos to a student in Starfish for a job well done.
  - **To-Do’s**: An instructor may create a to-do list reminding the student to complete certain tasks.
  - **Referrals**: An instructor may refer a student to the Academic Support Center or Writing Center to assist with academic progress.
**Student Screening Requirements**
Refer to SCC’s Student Screening Requirements Policy found at [https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=160](https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=160).

**Tutoring**
Visit SCC’s Academic Support Center at [https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/academic-support-center](https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/academic-support-center). Additional information regarding tutoring may be found in each course syllabus.

**Use of Human Subjects**
Refer to SCC’s Use of Human Subjects Policy found at [https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=183](https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/college-catalog/policies?policyView=183).
Health Sciences Student Handbook Receipt and Acknowledgement

This is to certify that I have read and understood the information found in the Stanly Community College Health Sciences Handbook. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this handbook. I understand that it is my responsibility to retain a copy of this Health Sciences Handbook for the duration of my enrollment in a health science program at SCC.

____________________________________
Student Signature

____________________________________
Date
CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

I understand that I must maintain confidentiality regarding patients, medical records, and care provided during any clinical experience. No patient records are to be copied or duplicated in any manner.

_________________________   __________________________
Signature                     Date
I, ___________________________ consent to have my criminal background and drug screen checks shared with the clinical agency before my student privileges are begun.

I understand that the agency will decide whether to grant me student clinical privileges.

I understand that, depending on these results, I may not be allowed to participate in the clinical component of the allied health program and therefore be unable to progress.

I do not hold Stanly Community College responsible for any consequences that may result from the sharing of this information.

______________________________
Name of student

______________________________
Signature of student

______________________________
Date
Stanly Community College
Consent Release Form

Stanly Community College (SCC), located in Stanly County, Albemarle, North Carolina, regularly seeks students and alumni to feature in marketing and promotional materials. Your image, quotes, and/or artwork, may be used in print and/or electronic media for SCC, including, but not limited to: newspaper and magazine publications, radio advertisements, television advertisements, electronic media; including, but not limited to: social medial sites and/or the college website.

Please complete and sign the following release form:

I, ________________________________, hereby authorize SCC to use my image, quote and/or artwork for any use the college deems appropriate in the promotion and marketing of SCC.

I understand that my image, quotes and/or artwork may be used in print and/or electronic media for SCC, including, but not limited to: newspaper and magazine publications, radio advertisements, television advertisements, electronic media; including, but not limited to: social media sites and/or the college’s website at www.stanly.edu.

I understand that my quotes may be edited for content, but will not deter from the true spirit of the reference.

I understand that my image and/or my artwork may be altered (blemishes removed, red-eye reduction, cropping, lighten/darken, etc.).

I understand my name may be revealed.

I fully discharge SCC, its parent and affiliated companies and the respective officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents of each, including subcontractors (collectively, its Affiliates), from any and all claims, monetary and otherwise, that I may have against SCC, its parent, or its Affiliates, arising out of the use of my image, quotes or artwork.

I understand there is no financial or other compensation for my image, quotes or artwork.

Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

NOTE: Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign for them.
STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

To Whom It May Concern: _________________________________ is under my medical care.
(Student’s Name)

All applicable instructional areas must be addressed:

Classroom (Seated)

• He/she can return to the seated classroom on _______ with/without limitations.
  Limitations: __________________________________________________________
  ___________________________________________________________________
  Date (circle one)

Classroom (Online)

• He/she can return to the virtual classroom on _______ with/without limitations.
  Limitations: __________________________________________________________
  ___________________________________________________________________
  Date (circle one)

Laboratory Settings

• He/she can return to all laboratory settings associated with this course on _______ with/without limitations.
  Limitations: __________________________________________________________
  ___________________________________________________________________
  Date (circle one)

Clinical Settings

• He/she can return to all clinical settings associated with this course on _______ with/without limitations.
  Limitations: __________________________________________________________
  ___________________________________________________________________
  Date (circle one)

Limitations/Comments:

____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Primary Care Provider’s Signature: ______________________________________________________
Primary Care Provider’s Printed Name: ____________________________________________________
Date: ____________________________________________________
Reason for visit: ____________________________________________________

FOR COLLEGE USE ONLY
Authorization for student to return: Approved – allowed to return to program on: ________________
Program Director/Faculty Signature: _______________________________ Date: ____________________
Comments: ____________________________________________________________________________
STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE INCIDENT REPORT

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Date of Incident: ___________________________
Date Reported: ___________________________ Reported to: ___________________________

Position: ___________________________

TYPE OF EXPOSURE INCIDENT:
_____ Needle stick/sharps accident
_____ Contact with mucous membrane (eyes, mouth, nose)
_____ Contact with skin (circle all that apply): broken, chapped, abraded, dermatitis, prolonged contact, extensive contact

EXPOSURE TO:
_____ Blood
_____ Body fluid
_____ Vaginal secretions
_____ Seminal fluid

HOW DID EXPOSURE INCIDENT OCCUR?


LIST PROTECTIVE DEVICES USED AT TIME OF EXPOSURE:


DESCRIPTION OF STUDENT’S DUTIES AS RELATED TO OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE:


DESCRIBE IMMEDIATE INTERVENTIONS:

Was the area _______ washed? _______ flushed?
Did injury bleed freely? Yes _______ No _______
Was antiseptic applied? Yes _______ No _______
Other:


DATES OF STUDENT HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS:


SOURCE OF EXPOSURE: (exact location exposure took place):


SOURCE OF EXPOSURE:

Known, HBsAG status? _______ Yes _______ No If yes, HBsAG+ _______ HBsAG- _______
Unknown, high, or low risk potential for HBV? _______ Yes _______ No
Known HIV Status? _______ Yes _______ No If Yes, HIV + _______ HIV- _______


Signature of Person Preparing Report

Date

Student’s Signature

Date

CONFIDENTIAL