Student Confidentiality Agreement

Patient confidentiality at the health care agencies used by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing is of primary importance. In addition to each agency policy, a federal law called the Health Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires patient health information to be kept confidential. Additionally, patients and their families have a right to deal with their health issues in a private and secure manner, trusting that their privacy will be maintained. In order to protect this right to confidentiality and to comply with federal and state laws, students must agree to hold all information (including, but not limited to, patient names, their health information, and relevant agency information) gained through their clinical assignments or professional/research projects at any agency used by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing in strictest confidence. Confidentiality includes but is not limited to:

- Discussing patients or their health conditions with persons who do not have a need to know;
- Accessing confidential information that is not within the scope of your assignment;
- Misusing, disclosing without proper authorization, or altering confidential information;
- Removing any documents with individually identifiable patient data from the agency

I also understand the terms of this Student Confidentiality Agreement, and I agree to abide by the above confidentiality requirements. I further understand that any breach of a patient's confidentiality may result in disciplinary action against me up to and including expulsion from the school of nursing as described in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing student handbook and the University of Arkansas Catalogue of Studies.

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Printed Student Name           Printed School Official Name

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Student Signature              School Official Signature

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Date                           Date

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