

Management of Exposure to infectious Diseases

Every nursing student must realize the occupational risk for acquiring infectious diseases involved in choosing to work in the health profession. In addition, sharp instruments and needles used in the course of administering patient care can inadvertently cause injury and exposure to blood-borne diseases.

In the event a student is injured or exposed to body fluids, the student must:	
Step One	The student will perform immediate self aid. Examples include: scrubbing needle stick site with Betadine or alcohol, irrigating eyes, washing exposed body parts if splashed, showering and changing clothing as needed, etc.
Step Two	The student will notify the clinical instructor of the incident IMMEDIATELY so that appropriate follow-up is initiated. The instructor needs immediate notification even if medical care is not needed at that time.
Step Three	The student will complete the appropriate forms and follow agency directions of their facility for treatment.
Step Four	The completed Shasta College injury form, signed by the instructor, is faxed to (225-4990) the Shasta College Personnel Office within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.
Step Five	The student will complete additional forms as required at the Shasta College Personnel Office as mandated by Workers' Compensation upon returning to campus.
*Failure to follow these directives will be reflected in the student's clinical evaluation and may cause the student not to be covered by Workers' Compensation.	