

**CAROLINAS COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

ADMINISTRATIVE

SUBJECT: STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENINGS

REVIEWERS: Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management*
Safety Committee Chair

POLICY

The College recognizes the importance of student engagement in community service, specifically community health screenings, and encourages such participation both as community service and in order to increase the students' comfort with and mastering of screening and communication skills. Participation is limited to the student's ability to ensure the safety of all parties involved.

PROCEDURES

A. Community Health Screenings

1. All planned participation must be approved in advance by the dean of student affairs in coordination with student activity group advisors, officers and, as necessary, academic program leadership.
2. Nursing and allied health students, after receiving the appropriate training, may represent the college at community health screenings. Such screenings should not extend beyond the scope of the student's abilities (i.e., blood pressure, temperature, basic first aid, etc.). Appropriateness of student preparation for the skills to be used will be verified, when necessary, by academic program leaders.
3. Students participating in community health screenings which are voluntary and not part of the academic program of study are not covered by the liability insurance of Carolinas College or Atrium Health in the unlikely event injury occurs or is caused.
4. Students may not perform any invasive procedures (e.g., venipuncture, capillary procedures, intradermal injections, etc.) while volunteering at community health screenings or any other event outside of the college except as part of an academic course supervised by college faculty at an approved student-to-faculty lab or clinical ratio. In those situations, standard academic policy for the course will apply and the activity must be approved by the academic program chair.
5. As appropriate, a participant disclaimer form will be completed and provided to the participants. This form is attached.

B. The Student Participation in Community Health Screenings policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

REFERENCES

Related Policies to Consult

CCHS:

ACADEMIC - [Intravenous Therapy Procedures Performed by Students](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE - [Incident Reporting](#)

Related Form: [Participant Disclaimer](#)

Related 2018 SACSCOC Standard

13.8 Institutional environment