STANDARD POLICY

PURPOSE

Implement a systematic approach for blood or body fluid exposure which includes all elements required by the Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) bloodborne pathogens standard (29 CFR 1910.1030).

POLICY

The SFASU Richard and Lucille DeWitt School of Nursing (SON) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for faculty and students. In pursuit of this goal, the following policy is provided to eliminate or minimize exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

1. SON recognizes the profession of nursing includes tasks and procedures in which occupational exposure to blood and/or body fluids may occur.

2. In the event the student/faculty is unable to follow the clinical site Bloodborne Pathogen Protocol for any reason, the individual may:
   a. Consult a private healthcare provider
   b. Report to Student Health Services and follow their Bloodborne Pathogen Protocol.

3. The SON requires faculty to complete Form 19A (Incident Report Form) within 24 hours of the incident.

4. In any event, notification of blood testing results will follow facility medical protocol.
PROCEDURE

1. Immediate treatment is provided to the individual at the clinical site where the injury occurs. The student/faculty will follow the clinical site Bloodborne Pathogen Protocol.

2. SON requires completion of Form 19A (Incident Report Form) within 24 hrs of incident.

3. The faculty member will accompany the student when completing clinical facility protocol and is responsible for ensuring that all medical actions required by the facility are performed.

4. In the event the clinical facility elects the SON to follow its own protocol the faculty and student may consult a private healthcare provider and report to Student Health Services.
   a. After reporting to Student Health Services, the Medical Director will contact the physician of the source of exposure and ask him/her to obtain consent for testing from the source person.
   b. The Medical Director of Student Health Services will obtain consent from the exposed student/faculty for testing.
   c. Based on the findings of the laboratory studies, the Medical Director of the Student Health Services will counsel the student/faculty and provide treatment according to medical protocol.

5. The Medical Director of Student Health Services is notified by the SON either by requiring medical treatment and/or copy of Form 19A for University tracking.

6. In either event notification of blood testing results will follow facility medical protocol.