**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ST. DAVID'S SCHOOL OF NURSING CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

Students in the St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University will have access to medical records of actual patients in various types of healthcare facilities and in the classroom.

Two factors must be considered that are relative to student use of medical records in the educational process:

I. Legally, the information in the medical record belongs to the patient. Any violation of confidential information about a patient found in the medical record is punishable in a court of law.

1. The American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and the Texas Board of Nursing Standards of Practice stipulate "the registered nurse shall hold in strict confidence all privileged information concerning the patient and refer all inquiries to the physician in charge of the patient's medical care.”
2. Persons authorized to have access to individual's personal health information may only use that information for the purpose for which it is authorized and may not re­ disclose the information in any format without specific consent of the individual.

Because of legal and ethical considerations, any student enrolled in the St. David's School of Nursing that reveals contents of a medical record, except as it relates to the education process in the classroom or at a clinical site, is subject to immediate disciplinary action.

# I understand the above and hereby agree to maintain the confidentiality of all patient information.

**Signature Date**

**Print Name:**