



I. POLICY

Non-Involvement of Student Healthcare Providers in Education

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit healthcare providers (faculty or residents) from precepting or assessing students with whom they have or had a pre-existing patient-provider relationship and to avoid the disruption of a pre-existing patient-provider relationship due to educational assignment. This policy applies only to students in the School of Medicine (SOM) and School of Health Professions (SHP) at the Virginia Health Sciences (VHS) at Old Dominion University (ODU).

III. RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE

[SOM and SHP Student Affairs](#) will review this document annually.

IV. ACCREDITATION REFERENCES

LCME 12.5	Non-Involvement of Providers of Student Health in Student Assessment or Training
SACSCOC 12.3	Student Rights
SACSCOC 12.4	Student Complaints

V. DESCRIPTION

The SOM and SHP affirm students' right to obtain healthcare from providers not associated with their education and training. All providers in the [SOM and SHP Student Health or Student Mental Health services](#) are prohibited from participating in student education in any capacity.

The SOM and SHP faculty and residents (including community preceptors) may not precept students or evaluate the academic performance of any student for whom they have provided healthcare, including psychological and reproductive services. Faculty or residents completing any evaluation of a student are required to certify that they have not been involved in providing healthcare to the student.

Prior to the start of a clinical experience, students who recognize they have been assigned to work with a faculty member or resident who has been a personal healthcare provider must contact their program director (for SHP students), the SOM Assistant Vice Dean for Pre-clinical Education (for Pre-clerkship Phase SOM students), or the SOM Assistant Vice Dean for Clinical Education (for Clerkship or Elective Phase SOM students) to facilitate a change in clinical assignment. They may alternatively contact the SOM and SHP Assistant Vice Dean for Student Affairs for confidentiality purposes. The respective administrator will facilitate the change prior to the start of the student's clinical experience.

Faculty or residents who recognize prior to the start of a clinical experience that they have been assigned to work with a student for whom they have provided personal healthcare must alert the director of the clinical experience (e.g., program administrator for SHP students, SOM



Director of Clinical Skills for SOM Pre-clerkship Phase students, or SOM clerkship or elective director for SOM Clerkship or Elective Phase students) to facilitate a change in student assignment. This communication will adhere to all standards of confidentiality of student health information and will note only that a change is needed. When a student has a pre-existing patient-provider relationship with a faculty member or resident, the patient-provider relationship should not be disrupted.

Students should not be involved in the provision of healthcare to fellow students. Similarly, students seeking care do not have the option of allowing peers to observe or participate in their healthcare.

VI. RELATED DOCUMENTS

[ODU University Policy #1005 - Discrimination Policy](#)

[ODU University Policy #3020 - Whistleblower Retaliation Policy](#)

[ODU University Policy #1008 - Policy on Title IX and Sexual Misconduct](#)

[SOM and SHP Compact Between Teacher and Learners of Medicine and Health Professions Policy](#)

[SOM and SHP Complaint and Anti-Retaliation Policy](#)

[SOM and SHP Student Complaint Processes](#) (per individual programs' handbooks)

[SOM and SHP Student Non-Academic Complaint and Formal Grievance Policy](#)

[SOM and SHP Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy](#)

[SOM and SHP Students' Rights to a Professional Learning Environment Policy](#)

VII. HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

The following list documents policy approvals and updates by oversight authority, date, and summary of changes. This policy is housed on the [Institutional Student Handbook webpage](#).

- On June 9, 2020, the Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors approved this policy.
- On July 1, 2024, this policy was transitioned to a SOM and SHP policy as part of the integration with Old Dominion University.