

Reynolds GET-IT Program Seniors Assisting in Geriatric Education Student Policies

- 1) Students are to adhere to all University of North Texas Health Science Center Policies and Procedures. Visit http://intranet/ or www.hsc.unt.edu for the UNTHSC policies and procedures.
- Certification of HIPPA training (UNTHSC Intranet Online Training Site) and CITI Training (UNTHSC Intranet Online Training through OPHS-IRB link) is <u>required</u> of all students <u>before</u> going out on your first visit.
- 3) Students must go out in pairs, no senior mentor visits are to occur when a student is alone.
- Students must wear their white coats to identify themselves as medical students with UNTHSC.
- 5) The SAGE visits are to be made during daylight hours, no night visits, and weekend visits can only be made after an initial visit has been made during the work week giving you, the student an opportunity to assess the situation for yourself.
- 6) If they are unable to make your senior mentor visit on the day and time scheduled for the visit, you must notify, as soon as possible, your medical student partner, your senior mentor, and Yolanda Pitts, Education Coordinator at 817-735-0289.
- 7) Students will always focus on personal safety utilizing common sense in avoiding threatening or unsafe circumstances. Please leave the situation immediately if you have personal safety concerns and contact Yolanda Pitts at 817-735-0289. If uncomfortable with the senior mentor's environment, cancel the visit and discuss your concerns with Yolanda Pitts prior to returning to the senior mentor's home.
- 8) Concerns related to the health and well-being of your senior mentor will be immediately reported to Yolanda Pitts, Education Coordinator at (817) 735-0289.
- 9) If there is a medical emergency, please call 911 and Yolanda Pitts at 817-735-0289.
- 10) Students will not offer medical or medication advice or treatment, when the senior mentor has questions about their medical condition or medication you are to direct them to their physician.
- 11) Students will encourage their senior mentor to contact their Meals on Wheels (MOW) Case Worker or a social service agency in the community if they are experiencing difficulty in

accessing medical services, or other needed resources. You can follow-up with the case worker to ensure that the senior mentor contacted them.

- 12) Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the senior mentor visit.
- 13) Students will not transport their senior mentor; if they are needing transportation services have them contact their Meals on Wheels Case Worker or a social service agency that provides transportation services in the community.
- 14) Students can not give and/or accept gifts, loans or purchase items for the senior mentor or participate in any activity that might be construed as a conflict of interest in the relationship with their senior mentor or the senior mentor's family.
- 15) Students will respect the cultural, religious, and political views of their senior mentor and abide by UNTHSC policies and procedures related to these topics.
- 16) Students will call Yolanda Pitts if the senior mentor:
 - ✓ Does not answer the door
 - ✓ Has a noticeable change in their physical or cognitive functioning
 - ✓ Has a noticeable environmental problem (safety hazard, lack of utilities, inadequate heating or cooling, unsanitary conditions, suspicious guests)
- 17) Students will be familiar with the legal requirements related to reporting suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults aged 65 and above and those adults with disabilities, and follow state and UNTHSC guidelines on reporting suspected abuse. State requirements on reporting abuse and definitions of abuse can be found at www.dfps.state.tx.us. The Texas abuse hotline is 1/800-252-5400 or www.taxabusehotline.org.
- 18) Professionalism: The student physician should act in a professional and ethical manner at all times, to represent him/herself, UNT Health Science Center, and the osteopathic profession appropriately.
- 19) SAGE visits cannot be combined for any reason. Each stand-alone SAGE visit has an assignment that is attached to it. All assignments must be turned in on blackboard in your own words, no duplicate work allowed or accepted.

I have read and agree to abide by the policies set forth by UN	NTHSC and the UTNHSC SAGE Program.
Signature	Date
Printed Name	