



School of Allied Health Laboratory Safety Agreement

In the interest of safety and accident-prevention, there are general “laboratory” rules to be followed by all students at Tulsa Community College. **A laboratory setting includes any Lab, clinical simulation or practicum.** Faculty and staff members are authorized to deny the use of any laboratory, clinical simulation and practicum setting to students who do not adhere to the rules mentioned below or in instances when the safety of any student, staff or faculty member might be jeopardized.

For medical emergency, call 911 and Campus Police at 918-595-8888.

- Laboratory/clinical simulation and practicum experiences have been designed to minimize unnecessary exposure to any hazardous substance. A list of all chemicals, gases, specimens, and/or microbes used in the laboratories is available for your benefit. Exposure to certain chemicals, gases, bloodborne pathogens, radiation and other products may cause personal injury and could adversely affect the fertility of the parents and may affect the developing fetus during pregnancy. If you have any medical condition or concern, including but not limited to the following; immunocompromised system, seizures, epilepsy, severe allergies, it is your responsibility to consult with your **medical care provider** regarding any medical issue associated with taking this lab. If you have concerns about a health risk, please communicate accordingly with the TCC Director of Risk Management, Occupational Health & Safety, so that reasonable accommodations can be determined.
- It is the responsibility of the individual using chemicals, gases, bloodborne pathogens, x-radiation, products or equipment to know the associated hazards of each and to handle them accordingly. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and container labels provide hazard information that must be followed. Materials must be disposed of appropriately per faculty instructions.
- Unauthorized work is prohibited. This includes working after hours without proper authorization and performing procedures that have not been expressly authorized by laboratory staff or faculty. Some areas are designated as off-limits to the students. Students should not enter those prohibited areas.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, masks, gloves, gowns, etc. must be worn per the program guidelines; PPE must be worn when handling chemicals, manipulating products/equipment or when risk of biohazard exposure (saliva, blood, etc.) is present. When there is a possibility of violent reaction, a face shield or portable explosion shield must be used. Lab coats and protective gloves are required when handling chemicals or when at risk of biohazard exposure. Footwear impermeable to liquid spills is recommended. You must limit exposed skin as much as possible. If you wear inappropriate clothing for lab, you will not be allowed to participate. PPE should not be worn outside the lab. **Specific program guidelines may require more stringent PPE guidelines than those outlined here.**
- When handling chemicals, it is recommended that contact lenses should not be worn in the lab. Chemicals can get between the eye and the lens. However, additional PPE or alternative measures can be taken for those required to wear them.
- Be familiar with the location and the use of the following in your laboratory: e.g. broken glass receptacle, first-aid kit, emergency gas shut-off valves, fire blanket, closest fire alarm, fire extinguisher, eye wash station, safety shower, spill kit, emergency telephone, and emergency exits and routes.

- Many of the lab activities have students moving around the lab or involve moving objects. Be alert and aware of what's going on around you at all times.
- Course professor and program director must be notified immediately following any accident (even minor), breakage, spillage, exposure or potentially hazardous incident in the laboratory. **Any spillage can be cleaned up only by the Lab Coordinator or designated TCC employee. NEVER TOUCH ANY FORM OF BROKEN GLASS. Broken glass should be disposed of only by the Lab Coordinator or designated TCC employee.**
- Be organized and follow required safety practices. Maintain a clean, open work area free of anything except materials directly required for the exercise. Keep laboratory material/equipment away from edges of work surfaces and electrical cords from hanging below the surface of tables or draped across sinks. Use caution when working with electrical equipment to avoid a shock.

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SAFETY INFORMATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMED CONSENT

**Sign and Keep – Student Copy*

Course Professor (print) _____

Course Name (print) _____ Section # _____

I fully realize the inherent risk of injury both to myself and to my fellow students through participation in any laboratory, clinical simulation or practicum setting. I have read, understand and agree to observe all safety precautions, rules, and procedures dealing with laboratory emergencies. I am aware that failure to observe these safety measures may result in being dismissed from the laboratory and receiving a zero for the activity.

I acknowledge receipt and that I have read and understand the Laboratory Safety Agreement. I have been provided information from the Chemical Hygiene Plan on procedures, equipment, personal protective equipment, and work practices that are capable of protecting faculty and students from the health hazards presented by hazardous **chemicals, gases, bloodborne pathogens radiation & other products**. I am aware of how to locate Safety Data Sheets and have received a briefing on laboratory rules from my course professor. I was given the opportunity to ask any relevant questions during the safety briefing. I understand that there may be inherent risks and possible hazardous exposure with lab experiences depending on one's medical condition. I acknowledge Exposure to certain chemicals, gases, bloodborne pathogens, radiation and other products could cause personal injury and may adversely affect fertility and the developing fetus during pregnancy. If I have any medical condition or concern, including but not limited to the following; immunocompromised system, seizures, epilepsy, severe allergies, it is my responsibility to consult with my **medical care provider** regarding any medical issue associated with taking this lab. If I have concerns about health risks, I will notify the TCC Director of Risk Management, Occupational Health & Safety, so that, if at all possible, reasonable accommodations can be determined.

I accept any and all risk associated with the use of the College's laboratory(s) and the equipment contained therein. I also understand that I am responsible for my personal property at all times. By signing this agreement (or the signature of my parent/guardian if I am under 18 years of age), I fully understand and consider it my responsibility to comply with the safety regulations outlined above and communicated to me during lab orientation. I hereby agree for myself, family, estate, successors, and assigns to hold harmless the State of Oklahoma, Commissioners of Tulsa County, Tulsa Community College, its Board of Trustees, officers, faculty, staff, other employees, agents, directors, volunteers, successors, and assigns from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, liabilities, damages, losses, demands, costs, expenses or judgments for damages or injuries to myself or others arising from my participation in the lab, whether or not I consulted a medical provider as delineated above.

Student's Full Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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