



**NOORDA COLLEGE**  
of OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Policy Name:	Student Clinical Shadowing
Approval Authority:	Deans Council
Responsible Executive:	Assistant Dean for Clinical Education
Responsible Office(s):	Clinical Affairs
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## Student Clinical Shadowing Policy

### Policy Statement

The purpose of this Student Clinical Shadowing Policy is to outline the expectations for students who have expressed a desire for clinical shadowing during their time as a student at Noorda-COM. Student clinical shadowing is not a requirement of the Noorda-COM curriculum. However, equivalent experience is built into the Longitudinal Community Medicine Course during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year curriculum for which affiliation agreements exist with Noorda-COM clinical partners. We want to be sensitive to the available time of the local community preceptors who have already agreed to work with our students second through fourth year. We also do not want Noorda-COM students to be in any situation where they may be held liable for any medical errors in patient care while shadowing without liability coverage.

This policy will be reviewed by the Dean's Council or appointed staff as needed.

The creation and maintenance of this policy is the responsibility of the Clinical Affairs Department.

### Entities Affected by the Policy

Clinical Affairs Department  
Clinical partners  
Students

### Policy Procedures

Matriculated Noorda-COM students are not allowed to work with local community preceptors in any clinical capacity outside of the specific affiliation agreements set for second, third- and fourth-year curriculum. Students are not permitted to use their affiliation as a Noorda-COM student for the purpose of obtaining any shadowing opportunity as Noorda-COMs liability insurance would not provide coverage to the student outside of our affiliation agreements.

The only exception to this policy would be a school sponsored volunteer activity.

## Definitions

SPC: Student Promotion Committee

## Responsibilities

Assistant Dean for Clinical Education

## Policy Violations

- If the clinical affairs/clinical education department is made aware of any clinical shadowing experience as a matriculated Noorda-COM student, the student will be referred to SPC.
- If a student is found to be involved in any clinical shadowing where there is a legal concern, Noorda-COM will not be able to protect the student from any liability.
- If a student is accepted to an organized summer internship or research scholarship opportunity, this would not be considered shadowing as there is a planned curriculum and support from the institution offering the program.

## Interpretive Authority

Dean's Council

## Statutory or Regulatory References

N/A

## Relevant Links

N/A

## Policy Adoption Review and Approval

Assistant Dean for Clinical Education  
Dean's Council