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**To:** Collaborative Nursing Program students and faculty

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**Re:** **Inclement Weather Guidelines**

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These guidelines apply when Ryerson University, Centennial College and/or George Brown College have officially announced a closure due to inclement weather (e.g. severe snowstorm).

**Decisions regarding direct supervision clinical practice in years 1 & 2 will be site-specific.** Students in Years 1 & 2 must check their site's website for information about closures. If their university/college is closed, they do not attend clinical placement. If the university/college closure is announced during the day when students are already at the clinical site, the clinical instructor will use their discretion to decide whether students should stay on the unit or go home, taking into consideration personal circumstances such as ability to travel home safely, responsibility for child care, etc. Instructors must communicate with agency staff to ensure that students' departure does not jeopardize patient safety. Students cannot stay on the unit without a clinical instructor. There will be no penalty for clinical hours missed due to inclement weather.

**Decisions regarding indirect supervision clinical practice in years 3 & 4 will be based on Ryerson University's actions.** Students must check the Ryerson University website landing page for information about closures. If Ryerson is closed, they do not attend clinical placement. The students with pre-scheduled shifts (as communicated in advance to their FAs) will be given credit for these hours and will not need to make them up at a later date. Students who are at the clinical placement when the university closure announcement is posted, are to stay and complete their assigned shift. A decision to leave may be made based on personal circumstances (e.g. difficulty travelling home safely, responsibilities for child care, etc.) and must be discussed/negotiated with the preceptor to ensure the safety of patients. Faculty will be available to the student and/or preceptor by phone or email as is the regular practice during emergencies.

**Exception:** Clinical placement sites that are part of the intra/international placements program are not impacted by the university closures.