

San Jose State University  
The Valley Foundation School of Nursing  
Supplemental Professional Liability Insurance Requirement

Effective Date: Fall 2015

The California State University's Student Professional Liability Program (SPLIP) applies to students who are enrolled in a nursing course and are participating in activities *required* to meet course objectives. This means that students who participate in not only clinical, but also in faculty-supervised activities, such as *flu shot clinic, health fair, screenings* etc., as part of their clinical experience are covered by the SPLIP.

The University's Risk Manager has notified us that student nurses are not covered for liability when participating in any student organizations or community activities outside of class, regardless of faculty presence.

Therefore, beginning in Fall 2015, all students in The Valley Foundation School of Nursing at San Jose State University will be required to purchase an individual professional liability policy through Nurses Service Organization (NSO). Many faculty members (and agency nurses) carry their own professional liability insurance through NSO.

- 1) Apply online at [www.NSO.com](http://www.NSO.com)
- 2) Cost is approximately \$23/year for **Unlicensed Student Nurses** who are California residents; international students and students from out of state should use the local (California) designation; cost is approximately \$105/year for **Licensed Registered Nurses** in the student role. These costs are subject to change.
- 3) Coverage applies if you are participating in an activity in another state (e.g. working a health fair in Washington over summer break).
- 4) Coverage includes "Good Samaritan" coverage which applies to volunteer activities performed within the student's scope of practice.
- 5) Provide a copy of your liability insurance to the Compliance Officer at the SON by August 1, 2015.
- 6) You will need to renew your malpractice insurance yearly.