

2. Minors are permitted in the general areas of the College and in other areas as permitted by the faculty/staff of the College.
3. Even when accompanied by an “Authorized Adult,” pre-school age minors not participating in a college-sponsored program on college property, or an official activity in an off-campus location are prohibited from the learning laboratory, and other areas where significant potential safety hazards may exist.
4. Minors and Authorized Adults who do not meet the College Standards of Behavior will be asked to leave the College.
5. Minors are not permitted in the classroom while classes are in session unless permission is granted in advance from the faculty member. If the minor becomes disruptive, the Authorized Adult and minor will be asked to leave the classroom. At no time is a minor permitted in the clinical area with an Authorized Adult who is completing curricular requirements. Post-Secondary enrollment students are under the supervision of their clinical supervisor and may be in the clinical area, however, if a student violates the College Standards of Behavior he/she will be subject to disciplinary action and may be withdrawn from the course.

PROCEDURES

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences is strongly committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children. The following procedures should be taken when children are scheduled to be on campus.

Faculty/Staff/Employees/Students of the College or Trinity Regional Health System must notify the Director of Student Services & External Relations at least 14 days prior to the scheduled activity when minors will be on campus or in a college-related activity located off-campus.

The Daycare/Preschool Center, “Skip-a-Long,” is located in adjoining space to the College. The Director of the Center may request to use college areas to conduct programs (musical, graduation, holiday) since daycare/preschool space is limited. The Director of the Center will schedule College space through the Executive Assistant who will notify the Director of Student Services & External Relations that minors will be in College areas.

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

If a University employee or volunteer reasonably suspects or observes signs of child abuse or neglect, he/she should immediately do the following, (and must do the following if a mandated reporter):

1. As required by state law, report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to the toll-free 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-ABUSE (22873).
2. Written Confirmation must be sent to DCFS within 48 hours of the call:
DCFS
406 East Monroe Street
Station 122
Springfield, Illinois 62701
3. Mandated Reporters making a good faith report cannot be held liable for civil damages, BUT failure to report suspected instances of child abuse or neglect constitutes a Class A misdemeanor.



BACKGROUND CHECKS

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences requires background checks of all faculty/staff/employees/volunteers/students. Trinity Regional Health System requires background checks of all of its employees/volunteers.

TRAINING

Training for faculty/staff/employees/volunteers will be conducted on an annual basis.