

Parents,

We wanted to take a minute answer some frequently asked questions surrounding the nursing staff at CALO. Hopefully this will help you understand what we do and how we do it.

### **Nursing FAQs**

- ***Who are the CALO nurses?***
  - The nurses at CALO have varied experiences including obstetrics, emergency, home health, orthopedics, psychiatric, and other areas of specialty. There is a nurse on-site 24 hours per day, so feel free to drop in whenever you are on campus.
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- ***What qualifications do the nurses have?***
  - To be a CALO nurse, a person must be licensed as a Registered Nurse in the state of Missouri. They must also have a healthcare provider CPR/First Aid/Basic Life Support certification, as well as being as to live and work within the CALO core values of empathy, trusting relationships, growth, and service.
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- ***What is the nurses' role at CALO?***
  - The role of a CALO nurse is primarily to administer medications and oversee the wellbeing of both staff and students. The nurses also have other tasks that they complete, such as triaging student complaints, scheduling appointments, providing support for ancillary staff, and documentation.
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- ***When and how will my student receive their medications?***
  - The nurses administer prescribed medications at four different times throughout the day. Exceptions are made for emergencies and doctor orders.
    - Morning: 7am-9am
    - Noon/Lunch: 12pm-2pm
    - Afternoon/4pm: 3pm-5pm
    - Evening/Bedtime: 730pm-930pm
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  - The medication carts are stocked nightly with the students' medications and over the counter items. Medications are administered from the cart to the student. The student will say their name and birthday, as the nurse selects the appropriate student on the medication administration software. The nurse then gathers the student's medications and provides them to the student. The student places the medication on the tongue, shows the nurse and an assisting staff, swallows the medication with water, and then shows the inside of the cheeks, above and below the tongue, and the gum line to ensure proper medication administration.

Thank you,

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