**Suggested Answers to Assignments, Chapter 47, Safety and Infection Control in the Home Health Care Setting**

| Written Assignment | Learning Objectives |
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| Assignment #1. Students will complete Chapter 47 of *Lippincott Workbook for Nursing Assistants.* | 1–6 |

| Group Assignment | Learning Objective |
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| Assignment #1. Prepare the lab for the students with several safety concerns. The students will enter in small groups and have 1 minute to discover as many as they can. Safety concerns that can be included:   * Dim lighting * Clutter in walkways * Overloaded outlet * Electrical cord covered by a throw rug * Liquid spill on the floor * Cleaning chemical sitting on a table * Telephone on the opposite side of the room from the bed * No emergency phone numbers by the phone * Chairs in the center of the walkways | 1, 6 |

| Clinical Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Students will go through their homes or an older relative’s home using the guidelines for maintaining a safe home environment and look for the following:   * Clear wide walkways * Cluttered indoor and outdoor walkways and steps * Poor lighting for indoor and outdoor walkways and steps * Available telephone and light in bedroom * Night lights if needed * Electric cords laid across walkways * Accumulated ice and snow on walkways and steps in winter * A nonslip rubber mat on the floor of the bathtub * Spills that have not been cleaned up * Fire hazards * Chemicals, cleaning solutions, and other poisonous substances not locked up * Availability of emergency phone numbers | 1 |
| Assignment #2. Arrange for students to shadow a home health aide for a day observing for and documenting the infection control activities performed or not performed by the aide. Students will share their results. Infection control measures should include:   * Using Standard Precautions and Bloodborne Pathogen Standards * Using proper bag technique * Cleaning equipment and household surfaces * Proper handling of food | 3, 4, 6 |

| Web Assignment | Learning Objectives |
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| Assignment #1. Students can enter “Accidents in the home statistics” to find such web sites as:  <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/article/Homeowner/Safety_at_Home> | 1, 2, 3 |