**Competency: Hand Hygiene**

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| **Competency Statement** | **Method of Validation** |
| Demonstrates proper technique for performing hand hygiene using soap and water and alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Verbalizes knowledge of hand hygiene in preventing healthcare-associated infections. | D = Demonstrate  V = Verbalize |

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| **Critical Behaviors for Competency** |
| * Verbalize knowledge of the importance of hand hygiene in preventing healthcare-associated infections. * Demonstrate appropriate hand hygiene technique using the Hand Hygiene Competency Validation/Audit Tool. * **Frequency:** *Suggested on hire, as an ongoing yearly competency, as needed if unit compliance is below XX%, and if lapses in hand hygiene compliance contributed to a serious safety event.*   **Competency Resource:**   * VDH: Hand Hygiene Competency Validation/Audit Tool |

Employee’s Name: Date:

*(Print full name and include credentials)*

Validator’s Name: Date:

*(Print full name and include credentials)*