

Clinical Preceptor:

The preparation of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses requires a team effort between education and practice. Thank you for agreeing to be a clinical preceptor for a doctorate of nursing practice (DNP) student in her/his third (out of six) practicum course. This letter provides brief information about the nurse practitioner program at the Creighton University College of Nursing and about the practicum requirements for this course.

A resource for clinical preceptors can be found at: http://bit.ly/grad_preceptor_orient
A variety of materials have been shared to inform and enrich the challenging role of clinical preceptor. There is no cost for any of this information.

Prior to enrolling in this course, students have successfully completed clinical courses in Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Physical Assessment, Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics, the basics of Evidence-Based Practice, and two semesters of didactic clinical material. The focus of this practicum is on the care and management of adults and children with acute and chronic conditions.

Students will need:

- A brief orientation to your facility's routines and procedures.
- Your guidance as an expert role model.
- Validation and feedback regarding assessment.
- Guidance to develop differential diagnoses
- Guidance to develop pharmacological and behavioral management plans.
- Suggestions for improvement, including pertinent resources and readings.
- Advice regarding documentation and coding.
- Advice and guidance for effective patient referrals.

Since this is the student's third clinical semester, it is important that he or she be involved in assessments as well as diagnosis and management of patients' conditions. Proficiency with common office procedures and skills is also important for professional development. Students will welcome the opportunity to learn and practice a variety of procedures.

We depend on your feedback regarding the student's performance. There will be 2-3 virtual check-in meetings throughout the semester and a final written evaluation with directions via email. Please complete the evaluation promptly as the student will not receive a grade for the course until we receive this evaluation.

Thank you again for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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