

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 Doctor of Nursing Practice degree student in the second 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: bit.ly/grad_preceptor_orient. A variety of materials have been shared to inform and enrich the challenging role of clinical preceptor.

Prior to enrolling in this course, students have successfully completed clinical courses in Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Physical Assessment, and Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics. This semester the student will be in didactic courses addressing conditions and management of these conditions in the primary care setting and the basics of Evidence-Based Practice.

The focus of this second practicum is to concentrate on the history, assessment, and management of patients related to acute and chronic health conditions of patients across the lifespan and to develop critical diagnostic skills related to the patients seen in the primary care environment.

Students will need:

- A brief orientation to your facility's routines, procedures, and means of documentation.
- Your guidance as an expert role model
- Validation and feedback regarding the conduction of history and physical exams and beginning management of patient care
- Guidance to develop differential diagnoses
- Suggestions for improvement, including pertinent resources and readings
- Feedback regarding documentation

We value your feedback regarding the student's performance in your facility. The College of Nursing requires clinical faculty to meet with preceptors three times per semester. The first is at the beginning of the semester and can be via phone. The second will occur at mid-term and must include the student. The third will occur at the end of the term. The third evaluation will be sent via email and will link you to a site in our electronic information documentation system (E*Value). You will be notified as to how to access the system. The student will not receive a grade for the course until these evaluations have been completed. These evaluations will assist the student with current and future goals, as well as a final evaluation of the student's progress throughout the semester.

Thank you again for your assistance. Your willingness to share your expertise and assist in educating the next generation of nurse practitioners is invaluable to our university. If you have any questions or concerns now or at any point during the semester or would like any additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,

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