

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 or Nursing Practice degree student in the 5th 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. 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, and Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics. Didactic courses in primary care of the adult and child and have completed 600 hours of direct patient care in a clinical setting. This semester the student will complete clinical hours in primary care, but may also work with specialty preceptors such as radiology, orthopedics, cardiology, etc.

The focus of this fifth practicum is to work towards independence, with continued guidance from the preceptor, to assess and develop plans of care for patients. The student should also be following up with patients, making follow up phone calls, etc.

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
- Guidance to continue to develop differential diagnoses
- Suggestions for improvement, including pertinent resources and readings.
- Feedback regarding documentation and management plans.

We depend on your feedback regarding the student's performance in your facility. College of Nursing policy requires faculty to meet with preceptors 3 times per semester. The first is at the beginning of the semester and can be via phone. The midterm evaluation is to include the student and is to be completed via zoom, teams, phone, or facetime. You will also be asked to complete an electronic final evaluation. Please be sure the student has the correct email address, as this is how you will be notified. 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. Please complete the final evaluation in E-value by December 5th. The student will not receive a grade for the course until this has been completed.

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

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