

CLINICAL PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



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NURSING

Students must complete 1,140 clinical hours during the FNP program

Program Prerequisite	Practicum Course	Rotations Required	Required Hours per Rotation	Required Hours for Graduation
RN License	N752D – FNP Practicum I*	Primary Care: Placement Options: Primary Care/Family Medicine/Internal Medicine	180	A minimum of 680 total clinical hours must be completed in primary care settings that address the lifespan or subpopulations of the lifespan before graduation.
	N755D – FNP Practicum II	Primary Care: Placement Options: WHGR in Primary Care/Primary Pediatric Care/Primary Care/Family Medicine/Internal Medicine	180	
	N807D – FNP Practicum III	Primary Care: Placement Options: Urgent Care/Retail Clinics/WHGR in Primary Care/Primary Pediatric Care/Primary Care/Family Medicine/Internal Medicine	180	
	N810D – FNP Practicum IV*	Specialty** Placement Options: Urgent Care/ Occupational Medicine/ Employee Health/ Neurology/ENT/Allergy/Cardiology/Dermatology, Pulmonary/Rheumatology/Gastroenterology/Hematology/Medical/Heme Oncology/Orthopedic/Sports Medicine/Outpatient Palliative/Hospice, Nephrology/Urology/ Transplant Clinics (Non-surgical)/Addiction Medicine/ HIV/LGBT Care/Infectious Disease, Endocrinology/Integrative Medicine	Specialty: 240	
	N814D – FNP Practicum V: Practice Integration	Primary Care: Placement Options: Primary Care/Family Medicine/Internal Medicine -And- Specialty** Placement Options: Urgent Care/Retail Clinics/Occupational Medicine/ Employee Health/ /Neurology/ENT/Allergy/Cardiology/Dermatology/Pulmonary, Rheumatology/Gastroenterology/Hematology/Medical/Heme Oncology/Orthopedic/Sports Medicine/Outpatient Palliative/Hospice/Nephrology/Urology/ Transplant Clinics (Non-surgical)/ Addiction Medicine/HIV/LGBT Care/Infectious Disease/Endocrinology/Integrative Medicine/WHGR in primary Care/Pediatrics in Primary Care	Primary Care: 180 Specialty: 180	

*These practicums occur during the summer semester which is 12 weeks long. Summer semesters are the shortest terms.

** A specialty rotation is optional. Students are able to select one specialty from the above options.

Unacceptable Rotation Sites: Emergency Departments, Inpatient Hospital Units (ICU, Med-Surg, Step-Down, etc.), Surgical Specialties (ie. Neurosurgery, colorectal surgery, CT surgery, vascular surgery, OR, Pre/Post-Op Clinics, Post op recovery clinics or centers, Cardiac Cath Lab/Cath Lab Recovery, Fertility Clinics, Anesthesia/Pain Management Clinics, Aesthetic or Cosmetic/MedSpa/Plastic Surgery, Chiropractic Offices, Correctional Facilities, Research-Only Facilities, Psychiatry-Only Practices, Home Health that only performs Medicare and Medicaid screening and does not offer ddx or meet learning objectives of clinical practicum course, Travel Clinics, Nursing Homes, Wound Care Clinic, Burn Clinic, Naturopathic Clinics. *Any site that is outside of scope of practice for FNP in acuity and age, all inpatient sites, or any site that does not meet learning objectives for the FNP program and clinical practicum course.*

ARE THERE ANY PROGRAM PREREQUISITES?

Each student must have passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and obtained a registered nurse (RN) license (single state or multi-state) to be enrolled in the FNP clinical practicum courses.

WHO MAY SERVE AS A PRECEPTOR?

Any nurse practitioner (NP), physician's assistant (PA) or physician (DO or MD) **practicing within the FNP's scope of practice** with at least 2 years of experience, may serve as a preceptor. It is preferred that the student has at least one NP preceptor during their clinical training. Family members may not serve as preceptors. Students may not complete clinical rotations at their place of work.

CAN A CLINICAL ROTATION THAT UTILIZES TELEHEALTH BE CONSIDERED FOR A PRIMARY CARE ROTATION?

Yes. However, telehealth hours may only be completed during the summer or fall semesters after at least 300 clinical hours of primary care have been completed. A maximum of 90 telehealth clinical hours are permitted during the entire program, and the student must be actively engaged in the visit. Telehealth hours should be completed within the clinical setting. Any observation hours cannot be counted.

WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED BREAKDOWN OF THE 680 PRIMARY CARE HOURS?

Each student's clinical experience is unique and depends on a collaborative partnership between students and clinical placement specialists. Primary care rotations may be broken down into the following hours. At least 680 practicum hours must be completed in primary care, family medicine, or internal medicine settings. Of the 680 practicum hours, 180 hours of primary care hours is to be completed in the final semester of the program.

Primary Care, Family Medicine, or Internal Medicine	<p>Minimum of 680 practicum hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 300 practicum hours in primary care, family, medicine, or internal medicine. The remaining hours may include clinical practicums in primary care/family medicine, internal medicine, retail clinic, urgent care, pediatrics, women's/gender-related health, and older adults. Subpopulation clinical practicums (pediatrics, women's/gender-related health, and older adults) are optional if a student is being exposed to these subpopulations in their primary care or family medicine practicum. <p><u>A max of 180 hours in WHGR and Primary Care in Pediatrics can be completed to count towards your primary care hours.</u></p>
Telehealth	Maximum of 90 practicum hours. See question above addressing telehealth.
Specialty rotation(s)	Completed during the final two practicums.

STUDENT CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to enter the clinical practicum prepared to learn and actively engaged. Students should obtain an accurate history, perform an appropriate physical examination, formulate a list of differential diagnoses, and develop a treatment plan with the preceptor. Observation should not occur more than 1 – 2 days after beginning the clinical rotation. This period allows for the student to become acclimated to the clinical site and milieu.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE CLINICAL HOURS THAT A STUDENT CAN REMAIN AT ONE PRACTICUM SITE?

A student can complete their clinical practicum at the same site for a maximum of 360 consecutive clinical hours.

TO VIEW A DETAILED PLAN OF STUDY:

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