

CLINICAL PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



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Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Students are required to complete a total of **780** clinical hours during the program.

Program Prerequisites	Rotations Required	Required Clinical Hours for Course	Clinical Hours per Session
N586D - FNP Clinical Practicum I	Primary Care ^{a,b}	180	Spring Session 1 – 90 clinical hours Spring Session 2 – 90 clinical hours (Minimum of 2 days each week.)
N587D - FNP Clinical Practicum II	Primary Care ^{a,d}	240	Summer Session 1 – 120 clinical hours Summer Session 2 – 120 clinical hours (Minimum of 3 days each week.)
N588D - FNP Clinical Practicum III	Primary Care ^{a,d} & Specialty	360	Fall Session 1 – 180 clinical hours Fall Session 2 – 180 clinical hours (Minimum of 3 days each week.)

A minimum of **500 clinical hours** must be completed in primary care settings that address the lifespan or subpopulations of the lifespan prior to graduation.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP): Students are required to complete a total of **1,140** clinical hours during the program.

Program Prerequisites	Rotations Required	Required Clinical Hours for Course	Clinical Hours per Session
N752D – FNP Practicum I	Primary Care ^{a,b}	180	Summer Session 1 – 90 clinical hours Summer Session 2 – 90 clinical hours (Minimum of 2 days each week.)
N755D – FNP Practicum II	Primary Care ^{a,d}	180	Fall Session 1 – 90 clinical hours Fall Session 2 – 90 clinical hours (Minimum of 2 days each week.)
N807D – FNP Practicum III	Primary Care ^{a,d}	180	Spring Session 1 – 90 clinical hours Spring Session 2 – 90 clinical hours (Minimum of 2 days each week.)
N810D – FNP Practicum IV	Primary Care ^{a,d} & Specialty	240	Summer Session 1 – 120 clinical hours Summer Session 2 – 120 clinical hours (Minimum of 3 days each week.)
N814D – FNP Practicum V: Practice Integration	Primary Care ^{a,d} & Specialty	360	Fall Session 1 – 180 clinical hours Fall Session 2 – 180 clinical hours (Minimum of 3 days each week.)

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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 student's scope of practice may serve as a preceptor. It is preferred that the student has at least one NP preceptor during their clinical training.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A PRIMARY CARE ROTATION?

^aPrimary care rotations include primary care, family medicine, or internal medicine clinics. ^b These rotations may also include those that address subpopulations such as peds, women's/gender-related health, or older adult. ^cAlternate setting may include, but are not limited to, urgent care, retail clinics, etc. ^dSome global health rotations may meet the primary care rotation requirement as well.

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 a minimum of 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 CONSIDERED A SPECIALTY ROTATION?

Specialty rotations include endocrinology, dermatology, cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, ENT, pulmonary/sleep medicine, oncology, gastroenterology, nephrology, urology, HIV/LGBTQ care, sports medicine/orthopedics, hospice/palliative care, pain management, addiction medicine. These rotations must occur in the outpatient setting with patients that are stable and must be within the FNP scope of practice.

STUDENT CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS:

All students are expected to enter the clinical practicum prepared to learn and actively engaged. Students should be able to obtain an accurate history, perform an appropriate physical examination, formulate a list of differential diagnoses, and develop a treatment plan in collaboration 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.

TO VIEW A DETAILED PLAN OF STUDY:

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