

CLINICAL PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



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Students must complete 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.)
<i>At least 500 clinical hours must be completed in primary care settings that address the lifespan or subpopulations of the lifespan before graduation.</i> <i>*These practicums occur during the summer semesters which are 12 weeks long.</i>			

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 settings 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 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 500 PRIMARY CARE HOURS?

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 of the practicum hours must be completed in the final semester of the program.**

Primary Care, Family Medicine, or Internal Medicine	Minimum of 680 practicum hours • 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.
Retail clinic or urgent care settings	90 – 180 practicum hours. No more than two clinical practicums in the same specialty.
Pediatrics, Women's/gender-related health, or Older adult/Gero	90 – 180 practicum hours. Maximum of one clinical practicum to be completed in the program, if needed.
Telehealth	Maximum of 90 practicum hours. See question above addressing telehealth.
Specialty rotation(s)	Clinical practicum can range between 90 – 180 practicum hours. No more than two clinical practicums in the same specialty.

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 practicums must occur in the outpatient setting with stable patients 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 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.

TO VIEW A DETAILED PLAN OF STUDY:

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