

Clinical Site Requirements

Below are the clinical site requirements needed to meet the objectives for each course.

N7140 Advanced Health Assessment and Promotion - This course involves 90 hours of clinical work. Since this course has a lifespan focus, you need to be able to assess patients with a variety of illnesses and ranging from children to older adults. A family practice clinic setting would be ideal. CNS students may complete 30 clinical hours in a specialty clinic in which one body system is the focus (e.g. cardiology, neurology, orthopedics, etc.) in the population (adult or pediatric) of their choice.

N8210 Special Healthcare Needs of Children in the School Setting - The clinical practicum for this course is 90 clock hours. All 90 hours will be spent in clinical with a pediatric health care provider where advanced assessment skills are applied to evaluate the family and child for specialty care visits.

N8400 & N8410 Management of Adult & Geriatric Primary Care 1 & 2 - Each of these courses involve 90 hours of clinical. Since the focus of the courses is primary care management of chronic illness, including acute exacerbation, an outpatient family medicine or internal medicine clinic would be ideal for FNP students. CNS students should choose a specialty specific setting (e.g. wound/ostomy, neurology, palliative care, etc.) depending upon the CNS student's career goals.

N8420 Newborn through Adolescence Primary Care - Ninety (90) hours will be spent in clinical with a pediatric health care provider where advanced assessment and diagnostic skills are applied to evaluate and manage the family and child for well, acute minor illness or stable chronic illness visits. A pediatric primary care practice, teen clinic, or school setting would be ideal.

N8430 Reproductive and Sexual Health Primary Care - This course involves 90 hours of clinical which needs to be divided between two clinical sites. Approximately, 45 hours are spent in a clinical agency where advanced assessment and diagnostic skills are applied to evaluate the reproductive needs of men and women, including older, post-menopausal women. The other 45 hours are spent in an obstetrical (OB) setting assessing and managing pregnant women. Women's health centers, men's health centers, sexually transmitted disease (STD) clinics, teen clinics, Planned Parenthood and OB/GYN practice settings would be ideal

N8540 Advanced Diagnostics & Reasoning - This course involves 90 clinical hours and is designed to allow the student to expand upon knowledge of advanced assessment, diagnostics, and procedural skills as well as gain increasing specialty-specific knowledge. Clinical settings that permit the student to refine interpretation of advanced assessment and diagnostics, and to perform advanced clinical procedural skills is ideal. The emergency or urgent care setting is the preferred setting for at least 50 hours of clinical; however, depending on the student's personal career goals, the clinical can occur in another acute or critical care setting or in an outpatient specialty clinic in their population (adult or pediatric) and specialty of interest for up to 40 hours of clinical. Total clinical time for this course is a minimum of 90 hours. A setting in which the student only does patient education, staff development, or performance improvement projects would not be appropriate.

N8610 Diagnostics and Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Nurses - This course involves 90 hours of clinical. Students will need to locate a clinical practice site where individuals with a broad range of psychiatric diagnoses receive care (e.g., single purpose substance abuse treatment centers are not

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appropriate). Students must be able to actively participate in client assessments and medication management each time they are onsite. Students may not work solely with children or adolescents. Agencies that are not focused primarily on the treatment of patients with mental health problems will not meet the course objectives (e.g., A fibromyalgia clinic that services patients with co-morbid mental health problems is not an appropriate clinical site for this course.)

N8620 Brief Individual Psychotherapy for Mental Health Nurses - This course involves 90 hours of clinical. Since the focus of this course is brief individual psychotherapy, locate a clinical setting in which you will conduct short-term therapy with individual adult clients (private practice, community health centers, university student health centers, etc.). The focus of therapy must be the planned short-term interventions such as adults who are experiencing time-limited crises and have no other long-term mental health problems, or adults who have persistent conditions who are stabilized but are currently confronted with short-term stressors.

N8640 Group Therapy and Social Skills Training - This course involves 90 hours of clinical. Since the focus of this course is both group therapy and social skills training, two separate clinical sites will be required. For the Social Skills training, a clinical setting where you can see mentally ill clients (e.g. transitional housing, a halfway house, or a nursing home) would be a good place. For the group therapy, you must find a clinical setting where you can run a mental health promotion group.

N8660 Mental Health Nursing Interventions for Families - This course involves 90 hours of clinical. Since the focus of this course is family mental interventions, you must locate a clinical setting in which you will conduct therapy with families in crisis (private practice, community health centers, family counseling centers, etc.).

N8680 Pediatric Mental Health Assessment and Treatment - This course involves 90 hours of clinical. Since the focus of this course is pediatric mental health assessment and treatment, locate a facility or agency in which you can conduct mental health assessments with individual pediatric clients who are experiencing time-limited crises and have no other long-term mental health problems, or children who have persistent conditions that are stable but currently confronted with short-term stressors.

N8710 Clinical Management of Acute & Critical Care Problems - (90 clinical hours)- Clinical hours need to occur in an acute care and/or critical care setting - can be specialty specific (e.g. cardiovascular ICU, pediatric oncology unit, etc.) or more general (e.g. general medical or general surgical unit), depending upon the student's personal career goals. An outpatient clinic or rehabilitation center would not be appropriate for this course.

N8720 Symptom Management of Acute and Chronic Illness - (90 clinical hours)-Clinical hours can occur in a variety of healthcare settings (e.g. inpatient, outpatient, rehabilitation, etc.) depending upon the student's personal career goals. Since the focus of the course is teaching clients symptom and self-management strategies, clinical settings that emphasize patient and nursing staff education would be ideal. The setting can be specialty specific (e.g. inpatient pain management service, outpatient cardiac rehabilitation, pediatric diabetes clinic, etc.) or more general (e.g. general medical or general surgical unit).

N8920 Quality, Safety, & Performance Outcomes - The course involves 60 hours of clinical which will be completed by working individually and in groups to carry out a variety of quality improvement exercises. A case study incorporating a variety of QI tools and methodologies from the course will be

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utilized to present a comprehensive QI process and plan which will be presented to the class. The clinical component is under the direction of faculty and no outside clinical site or preceptor is required for this course.

N8980 Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum: CNS Section - (300 clinical hours- with up to 3 different sites) Clinical hours can occur in a variety of healthcare settings (e.g. emergency department, inpatient, outpatient, rehabilitation, etc.) depending upon the student's personal career goals. Clinical settings need to provide the student with the opportunity to develop and refine CNS competencies in all three spheres of influence.

N8980 Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum: FNP Section - This course involves 360 hours of clinical practica. This course is the final culminating clinical experience and the goal is for the NP student to fully immerse themselves into the advanced practice role of the NP by assessing, applying diagnostic reasoning and managing the primary healthcare needs of individuals across the lifespan (i.e. from birth to death). The majority of the clinical hours should be in one or more Family Practice settings. However, individual student needs may be accommodated by completing a portion of the clinical hours in other clinical sites (e.g. internal medicine, specialty practice, pediatric, urgent care, or women's health settings).

N8980 Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum: MH Section - This course involves 180 hours of clinical which can occur in a variety of mental healthcare settings. Your clinical experience may consist of a combination of individual, group, or family therapy, social skills training, case management, differential diagnosis, medication management, and/or psycho-education. A student may opt to do all 180 hours at one clinical site or divide their hours between two settings. Clinical settings for the final practicum need to provide the student with the opportunity to develop and refine psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner competencies.

N8980 Advanced Clinical Nursing Practicum: PNP Section - Involves 360 hours of clinical practica. The focus of this course for the final culminating clinical experience is for the NP student to fully immerse into the advanced practice role of the NP assessing, applying diagnostic reasoning and managing individuals birth to 21 years of age. Majority of the clinical practice should be in a Pediatric practice site. However individual student needs may be accommodated for in a variety of other clinical sites such as: specialty practice, teen clinic, or urgent care settings.

N9070 DNP Clinical Residency - The number of clinical hours for this course varies depending upon the student's number of prior faculty supervised advanced practice clinical hours. The clinical hours can occur in a variety of healthcare settings (e.g. emergency department, inpatient, outpatient, rehabilitation, etc.) working with their population (adult or pediatric) and specialty of interest. The DNP Clinical Residency is designed to be intricately related to the DNP Residency Project, and, as such, the vast majority of the clinical hours for this course need to be in the same clinical site where the project will occur. Settings for the DNP Clinical residency need to provide the student with the opportunity to refine clinical knowledge and leadership skills necessary to evaluate practice problems, monitor outcomes, and implement innovative models of care in preparation for and as part of the DNP Residency Project.

N9080 DNP Residency Project - This course involves 180 clinical hours which can occur in a variety of healthcare settings (e.g. emergency department, inpatient, outpatient, rehabilitation, etc.) working on an

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in-depth practice-change project that will impact their population (adult or pediatric) and specialty of interest. A student must do all 180 hours at one clinical site. Clinical settings for the residency project need to provide the student with the opportunity to impact a rural or underserved population or critical healthcare system need.