



Duties of a Preceptor-Residency Supervisor

Clinical Practicum Faculty

Faculty Member

The nursing faculty member carries the responsibility for overall leadership, coordination, and supervision, and evaluation of the designated practicum. The primary functions of the faculty member are as follows:

- Select or assist the student to select the sites for graduate student practica.
- Select or assist the student to identify the adjunct clinical faculty who will cooperate with the university.
- Interpret the practicum experience to the health care agency and/or the prospective adjunct clinical faculty.
- Coordinate and communicate schedules, deadlines, and other information in fulfilling the practicum goals.
- Supervise and evaluate the graduate student's development, progress, and overall performance.
- Arrange for periodic conferences with the graduate student and the adjunct clinical faculty (if applicable), as needed.
- Prepare evaluation criteria, and provide the criteria to the students in writing.
- Provide feedback after observation of the student's performance of a clinical assignment.
- Serve as liaison during the practicum experience that involve adjunct clinical faculty.
- Assist students to obtain affiliation agreements between clinical agency and GSU.

In addition to university faculty, two categories of clinical agency personnel may be involved in student clinical learning experiences. These roles are preceptor/residency supervisor and clinical resource person. Following are the requirements, roles, and responsibilities ascribed to these positions.

Preceptor/Residency Supervisor

Requirements:

- Registered Nurse – depending upon program/degree of the student, the preceptor/residency supervisor must have a Clinical Nursing Master's Degree, a Family Nurse Practitioner Master's Degree
- DNP students consult with the faculty for requirements for the residency supervisor
- Excellence in specialty area chosen by student

Roles/Responsibilities:

- Meet with the graduate student prior to the beginning of the practicum.
- Discuss the graduate student's clinical objectives for the practicum.
- Plan the activities needed to meet the clinical objectives with the student.
- Orient the nursing staff to the graduate student's purpose and objectives for the clinical experience.
- Provide the student with the opportunities to design his/her own teaching strategies and evaluation tools.
- Review appropriate materials with the student.
- Assist the student in developing and using self-evaluation techniques.
- Participate in three-way evaluative conference(s) attended by student, professor, and the adjunct clinical faculty regarding the student's progress.
- Notify course faculty immediately of any concerns.

Clinical Resource Persons

Requirements:

- Registered Nurse, preferably with a B.S. or M.S. in nursing
- Competency in specialty area or leadership role at clinical site.

Roles/Responsibilities:

- Meet with the student prior to the beginning of the practicum.
- Discuss the student's clinical objectives for the practicum experience.
- Orient the nursing staff to the student's purpose and objectives for the clinical experience.
- Participate in conferences with the student and the course professor as needed regarding student progress.
- Facilitate contacts with other appropriate resource people.