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SCHOOL OF NURSING

Advance Practice Nurse Clinical Practicum: Family and Adult Gero NP: NURS 5409

Thank you for working with our NP student this semester. Your assigned student is in their first clinical experience. The clinical practicum are comprised of immersion clinical experiences to engage the student in quality and varied clinical experiences. The emphasis is on considering context while providing:

- Health promotion/disease prevention
- Risk reduction
- Clinical assessment, diagnosis, and management of common health problems

Students are in the beginning stages of knowledge development and role transition as an NP.

Students should initially spend time observing the preceptor and require close supervision/direction as they adjust to the new role and setting.

As skills and proficiencies increase, preceptors may allow more autonomy to perform basic elements. Skill development in the following areas is expected:

- Obtain appropriate history for presenting problem
- Perform appropriate physical exam and interpret findings
- Provide an organized H & P to the preceptor

Discussing the student's prior nursing experience, along with their goals/learning objectives may guide and improve the experience.

Students are NOT expected to see every patient on your schedule. Students should be given time to review charts prior to seeing appropriately selected patients.



The target goal for students this semester is between 4-7 patients per 8-hour clinical day

Semester Topics:

- NP role & function, Health Promotion/screenings, differential dx/clinical reasoning,
- Screening for common diseases: HTN, obesity, dyslipidemia, mental health, motivational interviewing
- Endocrine: thyroid, adrenal disease, Cushing's, Addison's, & DM/metabolic syndrome
- Pulmonary: asthma, COPD, bronchitis, lung CA, sleep apnea
- Neuro: H/A, TMJ, CVA-TIA, concussion
- Geriatrics topics: Risk reduction, back pain/joint pain, MS pain-common injuries.

A comprehensive Preceptor Handbook is available at

preceptor.nursing.uconn.edu

Please do not hesitate to contact faculty for any questions or concerns

Clinical Faculty: _____

Student's Name: _____