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STANDARD POLICY

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In some situations where the School of Nursing (SON) students are performing nursing interventions or delegated activities, they will be under the supervision of registered nurse preceptors or other licensed health care professionals.

Registered nurses selected to serve as preceptors shall have a valid Texas RN license and hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing or be an experienced RN, recognized by the nurse manager and/or faculty as a role model in patient care management and the profession of nursing.

Other licensed health care professionals selected to serve as preceptors shall hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a specialty field. An example of a licensed health care professional is a medical doctor (MD).

Students are permitted to perform any function that falls within the scope of nursing practice for which they have received educational preparation and training.

PROCEDURE

1. Clinical preceptors must be affiliated with agencies that have a contract with the SON.

2. Clinical preceptors will be selected by faculty according to specific course requirements and must demonstrate competence in designated practice areas.

3. Clinical preceptors will be requested to sign a letter of agreement annually using Form 72A, the Clinical Preceptor Agreement.

4. Each semester, students will complete Form 72B, an online evaluation form, for each clinical preceptor.
5. Items on the evaluation that are below the benchmark of 70% will require the completion of an Action Plan (Form 38C) along with the results of the Form 728 by the clinical instructor and submitted to the Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Committee Chair.

6. The Chair of the Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Committee will inform the Director of the SON of those agencies not meeting benchmarks of 70%.

7. The results of these online evaluations will be reviewed and maintained by the Evaluation Committee.