Clinical Supervision by Preceptors Policy 1.6

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BSN and RN-BSN STUDENTS
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.

Preceptors will be academically and experientially qualified, have clearly documented roles and responsibilities, and be oriented, mentored, and monitored by nursing faculty.

Registered nurses selected to serve as preceptors will have a valid RN license eligible to practice in the state of Texas, and are recognized by faculty as a role model in patient care management and the profession of nursing.

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

Clinical activities in Community Health and Leadership courses may include preceptors, community leaders, various private or public health settings serving populations, administrators, directors in health care settings, and others that offer valuable learning experiences for student nurses. (Texas BON Guideline 3.8.2.a)

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 the Clinical Preceptor Agreement.

4. Each semester, students will be asked to complete an online evaluation form for each clinical preceptor they are assigned to.

5. Clinical instructors will be asked to complete an evaluation for each clinical preceptor used by students enrolled in their course.

6. Items on the student or faculty preceptor evaluation that fall below the benchmark of 70% will require the completion of an Action Plan by the clinical instructor and submitted to the Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Committee.
7. The results of these online evaluations will be reviewed and maintained by the Evaluation Committee.

**MSN STUDENTS**
When MSN students in the School of Nursing (SON) are performing nursing interventions or delegated activities in the clinical setting, they will be under the supervision of a nationally certified advanced practice registered nurse preceptor, by a physician’s assistant or medical physician. One half of the clinical time must be supervised by a nationally certified advanced practice registered nurse.

All preceptors will have a valid unencumbered license to practice in Texas, have practiced for at least one year full time or the equivalent part-time employment, and serve as a role model in patient care management.

Students are permitted to perform any function that falls within the scope of advanced 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 the student and approved by the 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 for each student each semester using the Clinical Preceptor Agreement.

4. Each semester, students will be asked to complete an online evaluation form for each clinical preceptor.

5. Clinical instructors will be asked to complete an evaluation for each clinical preceptor used by students enrolled in their course.

6. Items on the student or faculty preceptor evaluation that fall are below the benchmark of 70% will require the completion of an Action Plan by the clinical instructor and submitted to the Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Committee Chair.

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

**Form:** Clinical Preceptor Agreement