

Preceptor Selection General Guidelines – Individual Concentrations May Have Additional Requirements

Preceptor selection is critical to student success in all Master's concentrations. Preceptor candidates must be approved by faculty and meet the following qualifications:

- Earned Graduate degree (preferably in nursing)
- National certification in their specialty area (preferred but not required for all concentrations; Required for NP concentrations)
- 2 years experience

Additional qualities of the preceptor should include:

- Passion for nursing
- Enthusiasm for coaching and/or mentoring others
- Patience when working with nurses new to roles

Clinical Site Selection General Guidelines – Individual Concentrations May Have Additional Requirements

The agencies and institutions for advanced nursing practice experiences in the Master's program are selected according to the following criteria:

1. The health care philosophy and objectives of the agency or institution are compatible with those of the College of Nursing and learning needs of the students.
2. The accreditation status of the agency (if appropriate) is satisfactory.
3. The demographics of clients and advanced nursing situations are adequate to fulfill course objectives.
4. The educational preparation and experience of the preceptors meets required criteria for the specific course.
5. The location of the agency/institution is accessible.
6. Use of the agency by other nursing programs does not create negative learning opportunities for students.

PLEASE NOTE: When the university is officially closed and during semester intersessions (the period between semesters), students **MAY NOT** participate in practicum experiences.