
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

Subject:	Senior Practicum Placement	Date:	March 28, 2016
Department:	Nursing	Revised:	April 11, 2023
Program:	Bachelor of Nursing	Approved at Faculty Council:	April 24, 2023

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Senior Practicum placement is to provide students with an experience that integrates knowledge, skills, clinical judgment, and the professional nursing role in an area of Nursing. Students may be placed in specialty areas if they fulfill the requirements listed below.

POLICY:

- 1) Students will not be permitted to take time off for vacation during Senior Practicum placement.
- 2) Time off for compassionate leave or sick time will need to be made up in order for students to achieve the 450 clinical practice hours required by the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM).
- 3) Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) graduates will be required to request a placement in an area where they have not been employed as an LPN within the last five years.
- 4) Students working as an Undergraduate Nurse Employee (UNE) will be required to request a placement in an area where they have not been employed as a UNE.
- 5) Students will be required to request placements in areas where immediate family members are not employed.
- 6) Students are required to be in the clinical area full time. As such, students are **highly recommended** to take a Leave of Absence from regular employment to maintain health, keep stress at manageable levels, and to ensure they can meet clinical expectations of this practicum.

PROCEDURE:

The following process is followed for Senior Practicum placements:

- 1) In preparation for the Senior Practicum experience, a meeting will be held in September with all eligible students. The meeting will be arranged by the Course Instructor at a suitable time and will be used to provide an overview of the Senior Practicum expectations.



- 2) Students will complete the Practicum Placement Form to identify their top three preferred areas of interest. Students are required to provide rationale for each practicum choice. Unavailability of sites/preceptors may result in students not receiving a preferred area of interest.
- 3) Once the Practicum Placement Forms are submitted, the Clinical Placement Coordinator and Course Instructor will meet to review the placement requests. The Clinical Placement Coordinator initiates formal placement requests to the practice agencies/sites.
- 4) Students will not make their own arrangements for Senior Practicum placements. The Clinical Placement Coordinator will make all arrangements for placements.
- 5) Faculty Advisors will be assigned once the majority of placements have been confirmed. Additional details will be provided to Faculty Advisors and students once the placement is confirmed.
- 6) Student placements in specialty areas will be recommended with the following considerations:
 - a. Written support from three clinical course faculty members in three different clinical courses.
 - b. Has not previously been on a PIP or had performance issues.
 - c. A degree GPA of 3.5, or higher.
 - d. The ability of the unit to support the student.