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**FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES**

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<b>Subject:</b>	Senior Practicum Placement	<b>Date:</b>	March 28, 2016
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**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 a specialty area 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 480 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 three 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 disclose potential or real conflicts of interest when requesting a Senior Practicum placement as per [Brandon University's Conflict of Interest By-Law No. 10](#). Ex) a family member or close friend working in the requested facility in a supervisory position where they may be supervising students or nurses serving as preceptors.
- 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 Preference Request for Placement form to identify a minimum of 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 Preference Request for 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 a specialty area will be recommended with the following considerations:
  - a. The clinical setting will offer sufficient opportunities that meet the course objectives as outlined in the syllabus.
  - b. Supporting signature from one clinical course faculty member from a Year 3 acute care clinical practicum
  - c. Satisfactory clinical performance throughout the program. A degree GPA of 3.5, or higher.