

## Clinical Experience Requirements NS 842

1. Clinical hours must be focused in Women's Health/Primary Care of Women. Minimum of 160 hours. 2/3 of your patient encounters must be women's health related and include women of reproductive age. If you are in the Family Practice setting make sure that your preceptor will be able to provide the required clinical observations. The required normal pregnancy visits may be arranged as an observational experience.
2. Preceptor approval and contract are to be completed and on file at Clarkson College before the first day of the semester.
3. The NS 842 instructor prior to starting clinical must approve preceptor. Please wait for instructor approval before starting your clinical experience.
4. A clinical preceptor may be a medical physician (MD), an osteopathic doctor (DO), or a master's prepared certified advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) or certified nurse-midwife (CNM). Physician's assistants may be utilized only with instructor approval.
5. Additional exposure to clinicians in specialty areas is encouraged but not mandatory.
6. Before beginning the course, the student nurse practitioner must discuss clinical site expectations with the preceptor. Use the required clinical observations as your guide.
7. 160 hours of clinical experience is to be evenly distributed throughout the semester. The student must be in clinic by week 2 or withdraw from the course.
8. Maintain clinical log in Typhon each week
9. Complete clinical performance evaluation by your preceptor midterm and in the final week of the course.
10. The student must pass the clinical performance evaluation to pass the course.
11. No incomplete grades (INC) will be issued or allowed.
12. All observational experiences must be approved by the course instructor to receive credit for clinical hours.
13. All logs and preceptor evaluations must be received by the last day of the course to avoid failure of the clinical component of the course.

**Preceptor paperwork must be completed and returned to the college prior to starting clinical. If it is not complete and a student performs clinical hours with a preceptor, those hours will not be counted towards the required 160 hours. If you are not sure about the status of your paperwork, please contact the instructor before starting clinical.**

### Required Clinical Observations:

Well Woman Exams to include assessment of risk factors, disease screening, and health promotion

- Pelvic examinations
- Breast examination
- STD screening and treatment (may be included under gynecological exams)
- Contraceptive counseling
- Nutritional and lifestyle counseling (may be included under Well Woman exam)
- Normal pregnancy visits
- Gynecological exams i.e. vulvovaginitis, abnormal vaginal bleeding, pelvic pain.
- Menopause counseling
- Thyroid management
- Hypertension/hyperlipidemia