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## 1. Definition

*Clinical practice*: the setting where students engage in the coordination of the care of “individuals, families, groups, communities and populations to achieve their optimal levels of health” (CNA, 2015; CRNPEI, 2020)

*NURS 3100 Integrated Clinical Experience I (International option)*: A student clinical placement that occurs as a component of NURS 3100 where the student completes the clinical experience in an international location under the supervision of a Faculty of Nursing Clinical Nursing Instructor.

*NURS 4010X Nursing and Population Health (International option)*: A student clinical placement that occurs as a component of NURS 4010X where the student completes the clinical experience in an international location under the supervision of a Faculty of Nursing Faculty Advisor.

*NURS 4020/4020X Integrated Clinical Experience II*: A student clinical preceptorship where the student completes the clinical course component under the supervision of a preceptor at the clinical site and is indirectly supervised by a Faculty of Nursing Faculty Advisor.

*Clinical placements other than NURS 3100, NURS 4010X, and NURS 4020/4020X*: A student clinical placement that occurs within Prince Edward Island where the student is under the direct or indirect supervision of a Faculty of Nursing Clinical Nursing Instructor.

## 2. Scope:

All students enrolled in the baccalaureate nursing program (2-year program and 4-year program).

## 3. Responsibility

Dependent upon the clinical course, responsibility for clinical placements may include the Dean, Associate Dean, the Clinical and International Coordinator/ Clinical Placement Coordinator, relevant course coordinator, and UPEI Faculty of Nursing Clinical Placement Committee.

## 4. Policy

The Faculty of Nursing utilizes many institutional and community placements. Students are responsible for the arrangement of, as well as all costs associated with, transportation, travel, and accommodation. Students will be required to travel to clinical agencies in several courses. The student must ensure that other personal commitments do not conflict with their assigned clinical shifts (days, evenings, nights,

weekend shifts, depending on the course).

To avoid a conflict of interest, students are required to inform the Clinical and International Coordinator/ Clinical Placement Coordinator of clinical agencies/units where they have been an employee and/or where they have significant others in the workplace, i.e., parent, spouse/partner, child. The faculty responsible for each clinical placement (described below) will make the final decision as to whether the requested setting is appropriate for the student.

The possibility of a placement in students' area of interest/location is subject to several factors including, but not limited to, availability of the placement, availability of instructor(s)/preceptor(s), and student suitability for the placement. Students are not guaranteed a placement in any area(s) of interest or in any location(s) requested. In the event factors prohibit student placement in their area of interest, the faculty responsible for the clinical experience will choose other available options.

### **Faculty Responsible for Course Specific Student Clinical Placements:**

**Clinical placements other than NURS 3100, NURS 4010X, and NURS 4020/4020X:** The clinical Course Coordinator, the Clinical and International Coordinator/ Clinical Placement Coordinator will make the final decision regarding where students will be assigned for their clinical placement.

**NURS 3100 International clinical placement opportunity:** The Dean, the Clinical and International Coordinator, and ad hoc interview panel members (as determined appropriate by the Dean) will make the final decision regarding where students will be assigned for their clinical placement.

**NURS 4010X Nursing and Population Health International clinical placement opportunity:** The Dean, the Clinical Coordinator for N4010X, the Clinical and International Coordinator will make the final decision regarding where students will be assigned for their clinical placement.

**NURS 4020/4020X: Integrated Clinical Preceptorship:** As co-chairs of the Clinical Placement Committee, the Clinical Coordinator for 4020/4020X and the Clinical and International Coordinator will make the final decision regarding where students will be assigned for their clinical placement. If the 4020/4020X course coordinator has not yet been assigned at the time of placement decisions, the previous 4020/4020X Course Coordinator will fulfill this role.

### **Process for NURS 3100 and N4010X International placements:**

Academic performance, clinical performance, and professional conduct of students will be considered when determining which students will be approved for a NURS 3100 or NURS 4010X international placement.

- Students must have at least an overall average of 80% in nursing courses and strong clinical evaluations in the clinical courses of the program.
- Second language skills may be a demonstrated requirement when appropriate.

If a student is selected to complete an international preceptorship for a portion of a clinical rotation, the remainder of the clinical rotation will be completed in a facility in Prince Edward Island in a non-specialized setting. Ultimately, it is the decision of the clinical agency to determine if they have the resources to welcome student(s).

### **Process for NURS 4020/4020X preceptorships:**

If more students request a specific clinical area than there are available placements, students will be **ranked according to their overall grade average (in nursing courses)** and assigned to the requested site beginning with the student with the highest grade.

### Out-of-province preceptorships

Out-of-province preceptorships for NURS 4020/4020X are limited in availability and are subject to established institutional partnership agreements.

When requesting an out-of-province preceptorship, **students may only request a specific province and population of interest (maternal/newborn, children, adult, older adult).**

Academic performance, clinical performance, and professional conduct of students will be considered when determining which students will be approved for a NURS 4020/4020X out-of-province placement.

- Students must have at least an overall average of 80% in nursing courses and strong clinical evaluations in the clinical courses of the program.
- Second language skills may be a demonstrated requirement when appropriate.

If a student is selected to complete an out of province preceptorship for a portion of a clinical rotation, the remainder of the clinical rotation will be completed in a facility in Prince Edward Island in a non-specialized setting.

The decision for the clinical preceptorship sought will be that of the UPEI Faculty of Nursing Placement Committee. **Ultimately, it is the decision of the clinical agency to determine if they have the resources to welcome student(s).** It is essential that students **purchase sufficient travel insurance** to limit financial loss in the event a preceptorship is cancelled at short notice.

For students who have requested, and been approved for, a NURS 4020/4020X out-of-province preceptorship, **the deadline to receive site specific acceptance of the student preceptorship will be July 17<sup>th</sup> (NURS 4020X) and November 17<sup>th</sup> (NURS 4020).** If the Clinical and International Coordinator has not received confirmation from the clinical site for the student preceptorship by these respective dates, the out-of-province placement request will be cancelled and a preceptorship in Prince Edward Island will be sought for the student.

## 5. **Review**

To be reviewed five years following its adoption and every five years thereafter.

## 6. **References**

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