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**1. Definition**

Clinical practice is defined as that experience in or through acute, extended, and community care agencies in which the student is engaged in direct nursing care with individuals, families, groups, communities, or populations, or is involved in laboratory learning.

**2. Scope:**

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

**3. Responsibility**

Clinical and International Placement Coordinator and UPEI Faculty of Nursing 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 may be required to travel to clinical agencies outside of the Charlottetown area.

The Clinical and International Placement Coordinator, and the UPEI Faculty of Nursing Placement Committee, are responsible for selecting the best possible practice placement to meet students' learning objectives, and will make the final decisions regarding student placements.

To avoid a conflict of interest, students are required to inform the Clinical and International 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 Clinical and International Placement Coordinator, and the UPEI Faculty of Nursing Placement Committee, will make the final decision as to whether the setting is appropriate for the student.

The possibility of a placement in students' area of interest/location is subject to a number of 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 placement in an area of interest, the Clinical and International Placement Coordinator and/or the UPEI Faculty of Nursing Placement Committee will choose other available options.

Fourth year preceptorships are limited in availability. Academic performance, clinical performance, as well as clinical and classroom attendance will be considered in deciding which students will access available placements.

Out of Province, Specialty Units, and International Placements/Preceptorships: Students must have at least an Overall Average of 80% in nursing courses and strong clinical evaluations in the clinical courses of the program. Math competency test results, lab exam results, clinical and classroom attendance, and professional conduct will also be considered. Students must display professionalism, maturity, and adaptability, as well as excellent problem solving and communication skills. 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).

## 5. **Review**

This policy will be reviewed five years following its adoption and every five years thereafter.