

FAQ's for clinical rotations

1. How many clinical hours do I need?
 - a. Each clinical course has a minimum of 200 hours. For NP 613, it will be 200 hours on young and middle adult patients. For NP 618, it will be 100 hours of women's health including ob and for NP 619 it will be 100 hours of pediatrics. For NP 621, it will be 100 hours with older adults and 100 hours of a specialty if you like. Otherwise it will be 200 hours with older adults. For NP 661, NP 663 and NP 665, it will be 200 hours with adult patients.
2. What types of preceptors should I look for?
 - a. You need to have 300 hours with a NP preceptor. The rest can be with a physician. It is best to spend NP 613 with a NP as that will account for 200 out of the 300 hours. Women's health and pediatrics are traditionally hard to find NP preceptors, so it is best to use physician hours here. You don't want to use up all of your physician hours right off the bat. AGACNP students also need to spend 300 hours with a NP preceptor, so it is best to spend NP 661 with a NP.
3. What type of sites should I look for?
 - a. Check the Nursing student handbook as this has clinical site examples for each clinical course.
4. Can I jump ahead if I can't find a preceptor for a certain course?
 - a. No you need to take the courses in sequence.
5. What if I'm having a hard time finding preceptors?
 - a. Use the tips for finding preceptors sheet in this forum. Check Typhon for preceptors that we have used in the past.
6. Where do I send my preceptor's information if he/she agrees?
 - a. All information should be uploaded into the Sharepoint site by the due date.
7. Will my preceptor be automatically approved?
 - a. No. We review each preceptor and clinical site to make sure that the site and preceptor will provide you with the best experience. So not all preceptors are approved if the course objectives cannot be fully met at that clinical site.