

Thank you for agreeing to be the preceptor for one of our students for the Fall semester! The specifics of your student's clinical experience are as follows:

Course Name: NMLB 624, Midwifery Practicum I

Clinical time requirement: 180 ambulatory setting hours

This course provides clinically-based competency training, experiences, and evaluation with a focus on health promotion in primary care, preconception, gynecologic and antepartum care for students in the nurse-midwifery program. Practicum rotations assist in the development of the midwifery management process, clinical decision-making and critical thinking through student demonstration of assessment, evaluation, management, and treatment of clients across the lifespan while under the mentorship of experienced preceptors and faculty. A variety of health care settings will be utilized for individual student experiential learning.

Scope: Primary Care, Preconception Care, Antepartal Care and Women's Health/Gynecologic Care including Contraception, STI screening and treatment.

Course objectives:

1. Synthesize subjective and objective data to generate differential and final diagnoses, using critical thinking and diagnostic reasoning.

2. Develop evidence-based plans of care including pharmacologic, non-pharmacologic, diagnostic, referral, education, health promotion, and follow-up management with attention to safety, cost, invasiveness, applicability, and efficacy.

3. Apply principles of health promotion and mutually agreed upon evidence-based management with consideration for health disparities, Social Determinants of Health, and ethical principles.

4. Demonstrate professional oral and written communication with clients, preceptors, interprofessional teams, faculty, and peers.

5. Appraise personal and peer knowledge, skills, and clinical abilities through purposeful reflection to support professional and interpersonal development.

To document student attendance and progress, you will be asked to participate in a 15 minute virtual site visit (zoom or phone call) and complete an online midterm evaluation and final evaluation during this semester.

Per requirements from the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), we will need the following:

- Provider license (CNM, CM, NP, PA or MD)
- Curriculum Vitae or Résumé

Please feel free to email or call anytime. We welcome every opportunity to connect with preceptors and hear about our students' clinical experiences. Thank you for all you do for patients and families, and for educating the next generation of midwives!

Best Regards,

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