

Clinical Nurse Leader Practicum: Student & Preceptor Packet



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Clinical Nurse Leader Program Information

Research College of Nursing is a full-accredited private college specializing in quality nursing education since 1905. Currently the college offers both an undergraduate Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Research College began offering a Master of Science in Nursing degree in 1997. The MSN Program offers six graduate tracks: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gero Nurse Practitioner, Executive Practice & Healthcare Leadership, Nurse Educator, Clinical Nurse Leader, and RN-MSN. The Clinical Nurse Leader track prepares graduates for the role as a bedside leader and as an expert in evidence based practice and quality improvement.

Clinical Nurse Leader Faculty Information

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Student Instructions:

See the RCN website (www.researchcollege.edu) for additional practicum/clinical requirements. Each student will assist their preceptor in completing the Preceptor Agreement found below prior to the first practicum day.

Preceptor qualifications:

1. Current license in state where practicum is located.
2. Master of Science degree from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited school.
3. Experienced CNL preferred, but other preceptors can be used with approval only.
4. Well established in the clinical agency and can assist student in networking with professionals in other disciplines.
5. Experience mentoring new graduates and/or graduate level nurses and understands the implications of the role.
6. Time and resources to spend with the graduate student on selected days.
7. The student and preceptor employed at the same facility may not be approved.
8. Instructor must approve all preceptors prior to the start of each course.

Dear Preceptor,

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a preceptor for a Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) student. The primary purpose of this program is to prepare and develop experts in bedside nursing leadership with specialty training in teamwork and communication, evidenced based practice, and quality improvement. Each student is required to sit for the national CNL certification exam in the final weeks of the practicum experience.

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) track is offered entirely online with no on-ground requirements other than the practicum experiences. The final year of the CNL track requires 360 clinical hours in 6 credit hours of NU 7540 CNL Residency. These credit hours/clinical time can be obtained over summer and fall semesters only.

Research College of Nursing will need a copy of your résumé along with the preceptor agreement found on the next page. The student should assist you with completion of the agreement and in answering other questions.

One primary role of the preceptor is to ensure that the student has access to individuals who can assist them in their learning experiences. The purpose of the practicum time is an immersion experience that allows the student to grow in the CNL professional competencies and role expectations. The student may also participate in activities that are available and designed by the preceptor, such as special meetings, projects etc. Students are required to complete a variety of assignments during each semester that demonstrate the specialty skills learned during previous coursework.

Please feel free to communicate with faculty at any time and as often as needed, either via telephone or email. Faculty will also be requesting information about the student periodically throughout the semester. We appreciate honest and open feedback on the student's performance and growth. On-site visits are not made because of the online nature of the program and many students are out of state.

To review other information about Research College of Nursing and the Clinical Nurse Leader track, please visit www.researchcollege.edu. Thank you again for your willingness to support not only our students, but the profession in development of future leaders in nursing.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Cahill, DNP, RN, CPHQ
Associate Professor/ Track Coordinator

**Research College of Nursing
Graduate Program
Preceptor Agreement**

Dear Preceptor,

Please take a moment to provide the following information so we can work with you in a way most convenient for you.

How do you prefer to be contacted: Phone: _____

Email: _____

What is the best time of day to reach you? _____

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to serve as a preceptor for a Graduate Student from Research College of Nursing. I understand I will be responsible for the supervision and evaluation of the student. In addition, a Research College of Nursing Graduate Faculty Member will be available for assisting with the student experience and will be responsible for the grading of the student. The scheduling of this experience will be negotiated prior to the beginning of each academic session.

Preceptor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dean's Signature: _____ Date: _____

AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Agency Name: _____

Office Manager: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Preceptor Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Please return this completed form to Sherry Owen, Administrative Assistant, along with a copy of your CV and license, by fax to (816) 995-2817, or by mail to Research College of Nursing, 2525 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64132. When this information has been received, an institutional contract will be sent to your office if one is not already in place.

Please contact Dr. Rebecca Cahill, Associate Professor and Track Coordinator for further details about the practicum.

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