

Title: FACULTY EVALUATION OF CLINICAL SITES
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Policy Statement

All Faculty placing students in clinical sites for all required and elective courses at all levels must provide on-going evaluation of those clinical sites.

Rationale for Decision

On-going clinical site evaluation is a way to gather meaningful information and details about each site, to assist in 1) making decisions about future use of sites and 2) improving and stabilizing clinical learning environments for the School of Nursing students.

Procedures

All active clinical sites are to be evaluated by appropriate Faculty for each course utilizing the site at least once each year. The Office of Practice Development shall send site evaluation surveys each quarter. For courses taught multiple times per year only one evaluation is necessary unless concerns with the site develop. As part of the evaluation, preceptor specific data will be collected when a single preceptor is utilized and when the faculty are not routinely present. This data will be made available to programs as needed to meet grant and program requirements.

The Faculty evaluations are to be completed on the standardized electronic School of Nursing form "Faculty Evaluation of Clinical Agency and Student Nurse Experience". As part of its quality assurance program, The Office of Practice Development will analyze these evaluations and summary reports will be provided to School of Nursing Faculty and Leadership on a regular basis.

- If the site evaluation is unsatisfactory, the Associate Dean of Practice Development will meet with the Faculty member to discuss the proper process for contacting the site to determine the improvements needed and whether it is appropriate to place probationary status or controls on the site, or whether the site contract needs to be terminated.

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