

6400.6600 PRACTICUM COURSE.

Subpart 1. **Requirements and content.** The practicum course must be approved by the board and taken for academic credit at an accredited postsecondary institution. It must provide practical learning experiences to complement the student's academic training and work or volunteer experience in long-term care, general health care, and management. Except as provided in this subpart, the practicum must include, but need not be limited to, the following:

A. a rotation through the departments of the nursing facility to provide the student exposure to and knowledge of all functions of the nursing facility. Whenever possible, the student shall be assigned to perform tasks not requiring special skill or licensure within each department. The time to be spent in each department for a student with prior experience shall vary in relation to the prior experience of the student. The time to be spent by a student without prior experience in management, health care, or long-term care must be divided approximately equally between administrative and resident care departments. The rotation experience of every student must include time at the facility during all work shifts;

B. participation in or review of the findings and results of regulatory inspections of the facility;

C. observation of the integrative and administrative role of the administrator through attendance with the administrator at meetings with staff, governing bodies, community groups, resident councils, and other groups;

D. observation of the relationships between the facility and community and other health care providers and organizations operating in the continuum of health care;

E. participation in an in-service education session; and

F. completion of a major project, study, or research effort designed to improve operations at the facility or provide information upon which a major decision facing the facility and its management can be made.

Items B and E need not be included in the practicum of a student taking a practicum of 200 hours or less if the student has participated in the specified activities during prior health care work experience.

Subp. 2. **Facility requirements.** The practicum course must be conducted within a nursing facility and require the student's attention to practicum activities at the facility for at least 20 hours per week. Upon mutual agreement of the academic institution and nursing facility preceptor, a licensed nursing facility may serve as the practicum site for a student who is employed by the nursing facility, provided that the student is relieved of all previous duties during the time of the practicum experience.

Subp. 3. **Preceptor requirements.** The practicum must be supervised by a preceptor who is a currently licensed nursing home administrator who has been licensed and practicing as a nursing home administrator for at least two years. A preceptor may not supervise a student who is a related individual or who resides in the immediate household of the preceptor.

Subp. 4. **Faculty requirements.** Each student practicum must be coordinated with a faculty advisor from an academic institution. The faculty advisor shall work cooperatively with the preceptor to review results of student practicum experiences in the preceptor's facility. The faculty advisor shall consult periodically with each student enrolled in the practicum to review the student's experience and assist the student in relating the facility practicum experience to the other required academic courses.

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