

Master of Science in Nursing

PRECEPTOR & STUDENT ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

Course Title: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Email Address: _____ Student Phone Number: _____

Dear Preceptor:

Thank you for serving as a preceptor for our students in the MTSU Master of Science Program in Nursing. Your expertise and guidance provide an invaluable opportunity for students to apply their clinical skills and knowledge as they prepare for their future role as advanced practice nurses. It simply would not be possible to prepare our graduates for practice without your dedication to and collaboration in this process. Below is an overview of MTSU clinical/practicum preceptor and student roles and responsibilities.

Preceptor Responsibilities:

- Orient students to the practice site and identify specific performance expectations.
- Encourage office and ancillary care staff to be helpful and make the student feel a part of the team.
- Provide written and verbal feedback in a constructive and timely manner.
- Contact the faculty to discuss issues of concern and poor student performance.
- Serve as a mentor to assist students to apply their knowledge and build skills to problem-solve patient care.
- Provide a variety of patient cases and adequate patient volume.
- Challenge the student with deliberate and thoughtful questions.
- Allow the student to participate in patient management to a degree appropriate for the level of education.
- Be available, on site, for assistance during all patient care activities.
- Share learning resources (texts, computers, etc.) sufficient to increase student knowledge and productivity.
- Integrate the theory of advanced practice nursing into the clinical experience.

Student Responsibilities:

- Establish a mutually agreeable schedule for clinical time with the preceptor.
- Come to clinical prepared to perform in accordance with course objective and assigned learning activities.
- Demonstrate ability to manage progressively complex situations in accordance with academic progression.
- Follow policies and procedures at the preceptor site and keep the preceptor informed at all times.
- Function under the Nurse Practice Act statues and regulations for advanced nursing practice.
- Participate in conferences with the preceptor and faculty to discuss progress, problems, and learning needs.
- Maintain accurate records of clinical time and experiences.

MTSU and the MTSU MSN Program value your service as a preceptor and welcome your recommendations for making the preceptor role more effective and satisfying. Please feel free to call MTSU Graduate School of Nursing or the course instructor if you have any questions or concerns. On behalf of our program, *thank you for your service and continued support.*

Course Details:

All clinical courses (except FNP Practicum [6609], which is the last clinical course) can be taken in any order. Each clinical course has a companion didactic course with additional credit hours (except FNP Practicum).