

RN to BSN Practicum Experience Requirements

Practicum Experiences (PE)

Practicum experiences in the RN to BSN nursing program include both **direct care** and **indirect care** activities that support achievement of program outcomes and nursing competencies.

Direct care experiences involve professional interactions with individuals, families, groups, communities, or populations either in person or through virtual/telehealth modalities to improve health outcomes.

Direct Care Practicum Experiences (Examples)

- Providing care to individuals, families, groups, or communities in settings such as acute care, community health, long-term care, or telehealth.
- Collaborating with interprofessional teams to develop and implement **patient-centered plans of care**.
- Implementing evidence-based practice changes that directly engage patients.
- Participating in quality improvement initiatives involving direct patient interaction.

Indirect care experiences involve nursing actions, decisions, or interventions performed on behalf of individuals, families, groups, communities, or populations to create conditions that support quality care and improved health outcomes.

Indirect Care Practicum Experiences (Examples)

- **Health Assessment Lab ONLY** - Perform skills and/or simulation laboratory learning experiences in a **controlled environment**.
- Developing or revising **policies or procedures** that improve care delivery or communication.
- Educating healthcare staff on **new technologies or evidence-based practices**.
- Collaborating with IT teams on **electronic health record implementation or optimization**.
- Participating in **population health planning**, disaster preparedness, or system-level quality initiatives.

Together, direct and indirect care experiences provide students with opportunities to influence patients, population, and system-level outcomes across diverse healthcare settings.

Site Approval

Students are responsible for identifying potential practicum sites and preceptors when required by the program and must complete all approval processes prior to beginning practicum activities.

Students may not begin practicum activities until course faculty approve, and site approval is granted by the College of Nursing through a contractual agreement. See the Practicum Experience module in your Canvas orientation course and the course with required practicum experience for all required forms.

Student Employment

Practicum experiences may not be completed solely as part of the student's paid work responsibilities unless specifically approved and distinct educational objectives are documented.

State Authorization Requirements

Students completing practicum experiences outside Oklahoma must comply with state authorization requirements, facility requirements, and any applicable regulations governing nursing education in the state where experiences occur.

Practicum Experience (PE) Record

The Record is a detailed log of exact dates and hours spent on each activity and whether the hours were direct or indirect, and is submitted at the end of the course, during Module 8. Complete the hours required in each PE course and document the hours for successful completion of the course. The completion and submission of the Record is mandatory.

Reflective Journal

Using the Practicum Experience Record document located in the Required PE Documents section of the course, complete the table, indicating the experiences that were completed during the course.

Included with the Record, a brief reflection, selecting one course outcome and in 1-3 paragraphs (APA format) relate your practicum experiences to your professional learning and the potential impact the practicum experiences may have on your professional nursing practice.

The Reflection should include:

- Synthesis of learning experiences
- Achievement of course outcomes
- Application of theoretical content
- Impact on future nursing practice
- APA references required

The Practicum Experience Record, including the brief reflection, is due by the end of Module 8 and is a mandatory assignment for successful completion of the course.

Program Practicum Experience Assignments

Course#	Course Name	Practicum Hours
NURS4003	Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse (Virtual Lab & Assessment Recordings) Indirect	16
NURS4094	Community & Public Health for the Registered Nurse (Windshield Survey, Community Care Plan) Indirect	16
NURS4125	Complex Care for the Registered Nurse (Case Studies, Complex Client Care Plan, and Face to Face education project) majority Indirect / 2-4 hours Direct	32
NURS4112	Navigating Transitions & End of Life Care for the Registered Nurse (ELNAC Certification, long-term care project) Indirect	16
NURS4115	Leadership and Healthcare Management for the Registered Nurse (Quality Improvement or Evidenced-Based Practice EBP project) majority Indirect / 2-4 hours Direct	32
	Total Practicum Hours	112

Practicum Experience Hours Breakdown

Total Hours	Preparation	Practicum	Reflection
16	1	14	1
32	1	30	1



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