Cleveland Clinic
Digestive Disease Institute

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Step 3: Practicum Course and Clinical Options

Traditional Pathway Option to WOCNCB Credentialing

The elected wound, ostomy, and/or continence specialty didactic courses require completion of a corresponding practicum course with a clinical rotation and a final exam for each specialty. The clinical hours option and preferred clinical site location is selected on one's admission application. The clinical rotation may begin one week after successful completion of all elected didactic courses. The different clinical hours and location options available are outlined below.

1) **Full Hours Clinical Option - At Cleveland Clinic** – 40-hour clinical experience per specialty course at Cleveland Clinic's Ohio or Florida campuses.

   Clinical hours are scheduled Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., E.T. Typically, no clinical time is scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Travel, housing, transportation, parking, meals, nursing uniform and other related clinical expenses are the student's responsibility.

   - Ohio (Cleveland) location, our program will assign your clinical dates. Our WOC clinical scheduling team will assign preceptors and prepare your clinical schedule. A clinical orientation packet with housing information will be provided 6-8 weeks prior to your 1st clinical date.

   - Florida (Weston or Stuart) location, our program will help coordinate preceptor assignments and clinical campus placement based upon preceptor availability and specialty courses elected. Students are responsible for working directly with their assigned Florida preceptor to arrange their clinical dates based upon the clinical timeframe provided by our program. **There is limited clinical placement at both Florida campuses, and this option may not always be an available option in any given cohort.**

   In either state, clinical placement is limited with placements secured on a first-come, first-served basis in chronological order of each admission application's submission date and $200 non-refundable application fee.

2) **Full Hours Clinical Option – Non-Cleveland Clinic Location** – 40-hour clinical experience per specialty to be completed at a non-Cleveland Clinic ***approved*** location. ***Some states do not have approved preceptors nor clinical sites***. Applicants must select approved preceptors and clinical sites from our program's legal clinical database. Non-approved clinical sites are not permissible. Before submitting an admission application, email WOCschool@ccf.org your request for a list of approved preceptors and clinical sites in identified state of your choice. If no approved preceptor / clinical site exists, then you will be required to complete your clinical rotation at a Cleveland Clinic campus in Ohio (preferably) or Florida (if available).

3) **Split Hours Clinical Option - either at Cleveland Clinic or another approved location** – Above options and information apply. A minimum of 24 clinical hours must be completed at an approved clinical location with the remaining 16 hours to be completed in virtual clinical coursework **per specialty**. Virtual, clinical coursework will be assigned and completed in the final practicum course. This option is ideal for those students who are unable to complete all required clinical hours at a clinical site.

Clinical Notes:

- **If you are completing a non-Cleveland Clinic clinical rotation, and our program requires renewal of a student clinical affiliation agreement with your clinical site**, then it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their clinical site's nursing education team emails WOCschool@ccf.org the clinical site's current student clinical affiliation agreement template. The agreement template must be provided to our program in an editable MS Word format and emailed to us before the elected cohort's admission deadline date.

- If an approved preceptor has either terminated employment at your secured clinical site, or not available to precept you, then you may work with the clinical site's nursing education team to source and secure an alternate WOCNCB credentialed nursing preceptor at that clinical location.

  The alternate preceptor must undergo our program's accreditation review and vetting approval process to be granted approval as your preceptor. **This approval must occur before your elected cohort's admission deadline.** Please cut, paste, and email our program's preceptor application packet below onto your prospective preceptor for their immediate completion.

  Complete Preceptor Application and email to WOCschool@ccf.org the following required credentialing documents.

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- Completed Clinical Stats Form
- Copy of **current** CV or resume
- Copy of current WOCNCB certificate or ID card
- Documented evidence of demonstrated completion for at least one of the following: 1) a preceptor workshop, or 2) other structured learning program which includes principles of adult learning, critical teaching strategies, and clinical evaluation methodology, or 3) evidence of prior preceptor or clinical nursing educator experience.

- Applicants must hold an active, unencumbered RN license in the state of approved clinical site.

Experiential Pathway Option WOCNCB Credentialing

No practicum course, no clinical requirement, no final exam(s), and no Certificate of Completion will be issued. Nursing C.E. contact hours are awarded for each successfully completed didactic course.

If desired, and **prior to admission**, the applicant should determine if they meet the WOCNCB's "experiential pathway" requirements to apply and sit for certification credentialing exam(s) upon successful completion of selected specialty didactic courses. Visit WOCNCB's website for more details before selecting this option. Direct any credentialing exam questions to the WOCNCB.