Below are details of your practicum courses, preceptor and site selection and requirements. Please feel free to share these with your desired preceptor(s).

**Practicum Details**

- Each practicum course is eight weeks in length and contains 125 practicum hours, however these hours are typically completed within the first seven weeks of the course and need to be completed with your selected preceptor during that time. To best plan to complete the required hours, strive for a minimum of 18 hours per week.
- Practicum hours are in addition to your typical classroom expectations and you must complete all five practicums in the sequence listed below.
- You are responsible for scheduling your practicum hours with your preceptor.
- You do not have to be at your practicum site every day.
- You, your preceptor and Chamberlain faculty will work together to ensure you are meeting the course objectives and completing your required hours.
- You must have a current and active, unrestricted registered nursing license in the state where you will be completing your practicum.

**Practicum Site Criteria**

You are responsible for identifying an appropriate practicum site and preceptor. The tables below detail appropriate practicum sites and when they can be utilized in your practicum courses. Please review the practicum handbook for more information.

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*Requests for clinical experiences in ER, inpatient hospital, and other specialty practices (cardiology, dermatology, weight loss clinics, college health clinics, home visits, geriatrics, hospice, long-term care centers, correctional facilities, etc.) will not be considered as they will not provide enough exposure to family practice populations.*
Your practicum site may be the institution where you are currently employed but you must function outside of the RN role and work as a student with your preceptor. We recommend that you have a secondary preceptor and practicum site selected in the event that your initial selection either does not meet the requirements or cannot be completed in time, as this could further delay your practicum experience.

**Preceptor Requirements**

Chamberlain requires that we have copies of your preceptor’s CV, licensure and board certification (for NP’s only) on file before you can be approved and registered for your practicum.

- Advanced Practice Nurses with a master’s degree at minimum, state licensure as APN, national certification as NP, and minimum of 1 year clinical practice experience
- May be an M.D. or D.O.
- Hold a current and active, unencumbered license in the state in which you plan to complete your practicum hours

**Preceptor Responsibilities**

- Serve as a role model, while mentoring and directly supervising all aspects of your practicum experience, including your practicum hours
- Promote your professional development by strategies for remaining current in the field and engaging in ongoing continuing education
- Orient you to the practicum site environment and identify appropriate experiential opportunities that align with course outcomes, student learning agreement and needed skills by the end of the practicum course
- Meet with faculty three times throughout the practicum via conference call to evaluate your progress

If you would like to provide your preceptor with more information please direct them to the [preceptor resource page](#).
Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum Details

Compliance Requirements

Clinical compliance is required prior to registering for any practicum course. You will be contacted by a clinical compliance coordinator one session prior to the practicum course (during NR-509) and they will provide you with a compliance packet and instructions for submitting the required items. You must have all your compliance items submitted to the clinical compliance team by Friday of week seven in NR-509 or you will not be allowed to register for the practicum course.

Your practicum site may have additional compliance requirements for you to meet prior to starting your practicum. If so, a clinical compliance coordinator will be notified by your practicum coordinator once the contract is complete and on file with Chamberlain.