



## N324 Nursing Capstone Program

### Preceptor Responsibilities

The faculty at Oglala Lakota College would like to thank you for agreeing to precept one of our nursing students. You have been recommended for this task based on your knowledge, nursing skills and abilities, enthusiasm for the nursing profession, your desire to teach, being a respected team member, and your years of experience in your area. The purpose of the Directed Study program is to assist in facilitating our second year nursing students to transition into professional practice. You can take great pride in knowing that by precepting a nursing student, you help to improve job satisfaction, decrease orientation time and have a direct impact on how well the nurse will perform on the job. Your role is crucial to ensuring that future nurses can perform at a high level and with confidence in a clinical setting. Below is a list of some of your expected responsibilities as a preceptor.

1. Role model professional interaction on the care unit.
2. Be on duty and available at all times during the precepted experience.
3. Provide timely and appropriate feedback, both positive and negative, in a respectful manner.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the clinical area and the patient population to help guide the student in their learning.
5. Encourage "thinking out loud" to help the student see how the expert nurse solves problems or individualizes care.
6. Communicate with the student and faculty; contacting the faculty member with any areas of concern with the student.
7. Assess the student's ability to manage clinical assignments and is aware of situations where the student needs direct supervision on more complex nursing actions.
8. Plan learning experiences based on the student's personal objectives list.
9. Oversee student practice in such areas as delegation, interprofessional communication and patient education.
10. Expose the student to a variety of nursing responsibilities and skills.
11. Validates the completion of patient care activities assigned to the student.
12. At the end of the semester, validates the student's ability to meet outcomes of the course as well as the student's personal objectives

#### Student Responsibilities

1. Be on time and prepared for patient care
2. Dress according to the Oglala Lakota College-Department of Nursing Handbook
3. Be self-directed
4. Communicate with preceptor and inform them of areas where they need more assistance
5. Complete the facilities required orientation and/or training prior to experience

### Student Limitations

1. Students are not permitted to administer blood or blood products. This action requires the signature of a licensed professional nurse. Students may monitor the patient's vital signs during the administration. Students are still responsible for understanding the reason for administration and may assist in assessing for any possible side effects.
2. Students are not permitted to administer IV chemotherapy or critical care titrated medications.
3. Students are allowed to administer IV push medications only under direct supervision of the preceptor.
4. Students are not permitted to take a verbal or telephone order independently. Students are required to communicate patient care information to the appropriate health care team member. Preceptors must be with the student and take the verbal or telephone order.
5. At the end of the semester, validates their ability to meet outcomes of the course as well as their personal objectives.
6. At the end of the semester, evaluate the preceptor and the Directed Study experience.

### Faculty Responsibilities

1. Approve a student's chosen preceptor or assist in locating an appropriate preceptor for their chosen facility.
2. Review preceptor CV forms and individual student's personal objectives for their Directed Study.
3. Communicate with students and to be available to preceptors to keep apprised of student progress and concerns as necessary.