

Rivier University
Division of Nursing & Health Professions

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Clinical/Practicum Processes and Procedures

Prerequisites for all clinical/practicum courses must be completed four months prior to registration. Agency requirements where a student is seeking a clinical/practicum placement will supersede University requirements for clinical/practicum placements. Students must identify potential external experts and clinical affiliation agreements must be fully executed prior to registering for a clinical or practicum course. Students who register for a doctoral practicum course prior to receiving notice of external expert approval and full execution of an affiliation agreement may be required to drop the course if it is determined that the delay in starting the clinical/practicum experience will prevent the student from completing the requirements within the semester.

Student requests for clinical/practicum placements must be approved by your Doctoral Faculty Guide before beginning your practicum. All clinical experiences are arranged by the student in the student's home area to the fullest extent possible. Affiliation Agreements must be executed with the approved agency and all required forms must be completed by the approved external expert.

Initiation of an external expert approval request and submission of forms does not imply approval. Initiation of a clinical affiliation agreement associated with a student request does not imply approval of the site for any clinical/practicum requirement.

Process for Initiating Clinical Affiliation Agreements

The student, in consultation with their identified Doctoral Faculty Guide (Rivier University), will identify potential external and clinical agencies. The **Expert Approval Form** along with the experts credentials and CV/resume are all **REQUIRED** and must be submitted to the Practicum Placement Coordinator office at Rivier University in order to **initiate** a clinical affiliation agreement **and** initiate the expert approval process. Deadline for submission is noted below, and in many instances, processing may take up to twelve weeks or longer. Late submissions will be processed in order of receipt and pose a risk of not being finalized in time for students to begin clinicals/practicums.

Fall practicum deadline: May 1 Spring practicum deadline: September 1

I, _____, have read the **Clinical/Practicum Processes and Procedures and the Process for Initiating Clinical Affiliation Agreements** and fully understand that these processes and procedures must be completed by me in order to begin a practicum course.

Signature: _____

Date: _____