Practicum Project Idea Form

Overview

Purpose: Each nursing specialty is required to complete a project during the practicum courses to demonstrate growth in the specialty competencies and achievement of the MSN program outcomes. The focus of the project should address an organizational need. Please review the guidance found in the document "Selecting a Project."

The project requires development of a comprehensive plan that the organization can implement to address the identified organizational need. It must be discussed with the preceptor prior to this form being submitted to ensure the selected project has the support of the organization and can be developed within the timeline of your practicum. This form will be used to help guide the conversation with your mentor in the first week of class. Please review the announcements for how to schedule your meetings with your mentor.

Fill in as much as you can to help guide your first conversation with your mentor about developing your project idea. If something doesn't apply to your project, please write in "not applicable." Please submit this form on the Friday before the course begins.

Practicum Site and Your Preceptor

- 1. Where is your practicum site?
- 2. Where (unit or department) will this project be completed?
- 3. Which preceptor will you be working with?
- 4. What is their role in the organization?

About Your Project

- 1. What are some possible projects you discussed with your preceptor? Which one do you most want to go forward with?
- 2. Why is there a need for this project within this organization or academic setting?
- 3. How does your project align with the organization's priorities? Consider ethical implications, social determinants of health, populations served, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- 4. Briefly discuss the scope, time, and cost components of your project.
- 5. Discuss your plan for developing the project.
- 6. Identify the desired outcomes for the project. How can the organization measure the outcomes?
- 7. Identify your target audience as well as any key stakeholders with a vested interest in your project. Do you anticipate any concerns from these key stakeholders?
- 8. What other departments or health professionals will need to be involved, if any?
- 9. Will the project need to be reviewed by organizational committees, departments, or specific stakeholders?
- 10. What other resources will be needed for your project? For example, will you need technological resources (e.g., computers, scanners, printers, office supplies)?
- 11. If applicable, what regulatory agencies' or professional organizations' guidelines will need to be considered when developing this project (e.g., Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, The Joint Commission, American Nurses Credentialing Services, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses)?
- 12. What financial, ethical, or other barriers do you anticipate with this project? Explain possible approaches to address any anticipated barriers.