

NUR-7510: Advanced Practice Practicum

Practicum Project Overview

OVERVIEW

The Practicum Project is scholarly work that provides an opportunity for students to develop a project in collaboration with their preceptor. Emphasis is on application of knowledge that is focused on the clinical specialty track. Development of the project allows the student to demonstrate their achievement of program outcomes.

With the guidance of their preceptor, the student will identify a project topic. Projects should focus on a target audience with specific need(s) that may have been identified through a formal assessment, organizational outcomes, safety rounds, or quality improvement indicators. Other sources of opportunities include new technologies, updates in practice guidelines, emerging clinical evidence, or other changes within the environment.

Upon completion of the project, the organization/preceptor should be able to implement the developed intervention/program.

Consider as an example, practice guidelines that emphasize the positive impact of early mobility on clinical outcomes. The accountabilities related to implementing this practice change will differ based upon one's role as administrator, educator, or informaticist. Examples of potential project topics by role concentration are below.

Administration Track

1. Create a comprehensive plan for implementing early mobility program.
2. Create policies, procedures, or protocols to support the early mobility program.
3. Develop an audit process to monitor implementation of early mobility program.
4. Design a resource allocation strategy to support early mobility programs.

Education Track

1. Design educational experiences that focus on early mobility assessment and clinical reasoning for prelicensure students.
2. Design educational experiences that focus on early mobility assessment and clinical decision-making for staff in clinical practice.
3. Develop an interprofessional educational program that emphasizes the use of mobility assistive devices.
4. Create an educational program to enhance documentation of mobility assessment.
5. Develop an educational program to support implementation of policies, procedures, or protocols

to support the early mobility program.

Informatics Track

1. Evaluate current documentation system to identify gaps in early mobility documentation.
2. Develop a data analytics tool to track and analyze patient mobility trends.
3. Create an IT solution to integrate mobility assessment tools into the existing EMR.
4. Develop user training materials for new IT implementation related to patient mobility.

Project Proposal

In Module 2 you will submit the Project Proposal. The purpose of the Project Proposal is for you to describe the project you, your preceptor, and mentor have agreed upon. You will examine system factors at your practicum setting and consider their influence upon your project plan.

Limit the body of the paper to 7 to 8 pages (1750 to 2200 words). This does not include the title page, references, or appendices. Please adhere to APA style. The following elements should be addressed:

- Introduction to the project
- Description of the organization:
 - Description of the overall organization
 - Description of the specific setting for the project
- Process for determining the need for the project. Items to consider:
 - Relevant organizational goals
 - Standards and regulations
 - Emerging practice evidence
 - Current outcome data
- Key stakeholders. Consider the following:
 - Target audience(s)
 - Recipients of care
 - Staff involved/impacted by the project
 - Interprofessional team members
- Anticipated resources such as:
 - Human resources (e.g., educator time, staff time)
 - Organizational resources (e.g., space, IRB, informatics support, leadership support)
 - Financial resources needed for the project (e.g., budget)
- Facilitators/barriers:
 - Facilitators to project success
 - Potential barriers to project success (e.g., ethical-legal issues, staffing, competing organizational priorities)

- Strategies to address potential barriers
- Project outcomes:
 - Outcomes that are measurable and relevant
- Anticipated benefits of the project to the organization

You can review the rubric for this assignment in the Evaluation Rubrics folder.

Practicum Project Final Plan

In Module 4 you will submit your Practicum Project Final Plan.

The purpose of the Practicum Project Final Plan paper is to examine the process of implementing an intervention to improve outcomes. You will provide a detailed plan to address the gap identified in the Practicum Project Proposal.

Limit the body of the paper to 12 pages (3000 words). This does not include the title page, references, or appendices. Please adhere to APA style. The following elements should be addressed:

- Introduction
- Assessment of need
 - Describe the process applied to identify the project.
 - Discuss the importance of addressing the identified topic.
 - Include consideration of ethical implications, diversity, equity and inclusion, and social determinants of health.
- Intervention
 - Provide a brief description of the planned intervention.
 - Critique the available evidence to support the intervention. Provide a minimum of three sources.
- Implementation
 - Describe the steps required to implement the intervention.
 - Propose a timeline for implementation.
 - Analyze relevant theories to support the implementation process (e.g. change theory, educational theory, leadership theory).
- Monitoring plan
 - Describe the plan for monitoring the impact of the intervention.
 - Define how success will be measured/identified.
- Implementation materials
 - Describe how the implementation materials support the implementation of the intervention.

- Provide materials required for implementation (e.g. draft policy, educational presentation, posters, auditing tools). These will be provided in the appendices.
- Conclusion
 - Discuss facilitators and barriers encountered.
 - Describe benefits to:
 - The organization.
 - Key stakeholders.
 - Populations/recipients of care.

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WRITING AND RESEARCH RESOURCES

The following links provide online writing and research aids to help you with your paper assignments.

- [OWL](#) (Online Writing Lab) at Purdue University
- [Writer's Handbook](#), the Writing Center at the University of Wisconsin–Madison
- [APA Style](#) guidelines
- [Information Literacy for TESU Students](#) (an online guide from the New Jersey State Library to assist you in starting your research, searching databases for articles, citing sources, using ILLiad to request books or articles, etc.)