**NUR-721: NURSING INFORMATICS PRACTICUM**

Project Idea Form

# OVERVIEW

**Purpose:** Each nursing specialty is required to complete a project during the practicum courses to demonstrate achievement of the specialty competencies and MSN program outcomes. The focus of the project should address an organizational need. Please review the guidance found in the document [Selecting a Project Idea](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-pX6nDyko5bhX8wkgB0WiV9vjurcDtJP/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105137289790850723829&rtpof=true&sd=true). The project as well as outcomes and implementation plan should be discussed with the preceptor prior to this form being submitted to ensure the selected project has the support of the organization and aligns well, as best as possible, with the timeline of your practicum. Remember, it will be most relevant for your learning experience to see the project through all the phases of the systems development life cycle (SDLC). Therefore, when discussing possible projects with your preceptor, keep in mind the estimated duration of the project. 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.**

**About the Practicum Site and your Preceptor:**

1. Where is your practicum site? Specify if it is an acute care setting or an ambulatory practice setting.
2. Where (unit or department) will this project be completed? Do you work in this area in a leadership position? If so, describe your role.
3. Which preceptor will you be working with? What is their role in the organization?
4. Does your preceptor work on site frequently or is he/she mostly remote? If there is a remote component to your preceptor’s availability, how will your practicum be managed?

**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? How does your project align with the organization’s priorities?
3. Identify your target audience as well as any key stakeholders with a vested interest in your project. How will you communicate with these stakeholders to gain support for the project? Do you anticipate any concerns from these key stakeholders?
4. Is there a process at your practicum site to gain approval prior to initiating a project? If so, will you be able to meet the schedule requirement for when to present your project for approval by the practicum site?
5. Briefly discuss the scope, time, and cost components of your project
6. Discuss your plan for developing and implementing the project.
7. Identify the desired outcomes for the project and discuss how you plan to measure the outcomes.
8. What other departments or health professionals will need to be involved, if any? For example, if changing a process in the emergency department will clinical staff involvement be required? Will there be a need for IT personnel to reflect the change in the EMR?
9. What other resources will be needed for your project? For example, will you need technological resources (i.e. computers, scanners, printers, office supplies),
10. If applicable, what regulatory agencies’ or professional organizations' guidelines will need to be considered with this project’s implementation (e.g., Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, The Joint Commission, American Nurses Credentialing Services, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses)?
11. What financial, ethical, or other barriers do you anticipate with this project? Explain how you expect to resolve these barriers?
12. What risks do you anticipate with this project? Explain how you expect to mitigate these risks.