

Forensic Graduate Nursing Program

NURS 8130 Scientific Foundations of Forensic Nursing Practice

Clinical Agency Suggestions:

State Medical Examiner's Office – Local state that student lives in. (FSU has a standing Clinical Contract with the New Hampshire OCME – for those students who live close to NH. Please let us know if you plan on using this site – as we will provide you with information on how to contact the preceptor.)

County Coroner's Office

Anatomy Department at a teaching institution

Any location where autopsy or gross pathology examinations take place

Preceptor qualifications:

The Chief Medical Examiner, a Forensic Pathologist, Pathologist, Coroner, Medical Investigator, or Investigator will be your preceptor depending on your agency.

Preceptor ideally should be an APRN or MD.

A minimum of Bachelor's prepared with some type of specialized training or certification that makes them an expert in their field is required. The credentials of the preceptor in these cases will have to be approved by the instructor, Professor Shulman. Student will be required to forward CV of preceptor to instructor/FSU to be approved prior to pursuing permission for clinical placement.

Procedure:

1. Email Preceptor resume to instructor, Professor Shulman, to obtain her 'approval' for the Preceptor and the Clinical Agency.
2. Email signed and dated Preceptor Contract, Preceptor resume, preceptor title, email address and phone number to Deborah Gifford. Deborah will obtain instructor's signature.
3. Email Deborah Gifford the following information for the Clinical Contract:
 - Clinical agency name, address, phone number
 - Contact person (at agency) name, title, email address and phone number
4. It can take 4 – 12+ weeks to process the Clinical Agency Contracts.
5. You may not start your clinical experience until both FSU and the Clinical Agency administration have signed the Clinical Agency Contract.

The contact person at FSU who is in charge of facilitation of the Clinical Agency Contracts is:

Deborah Gifford

dgiffor1@fitchburgstate.edu

Telephone Number: 978-665-3023

Fax number: 978-665-4501

If student sends a fax - please also send an email to dgiffor1@fitchburgstate.edu indicating that a fax was just sent.

The fax or email regarding the clinical placement should contain:

Student name

Student phone or email address

Course number, semester and instructor's name