

NURS 7618 - NMW Residency

With minimal assistance from preceptors, the nurse midwifery student will:

- Function competently and safely as a beginning nurse midwife by meeting course evaluation objectives.
- Demonstrate recognition of cultural differences, comfort with cultural issues, and the ability to integrate them into a plan of care.
- Demonstrate the integration of evidenced based practice knowledge, principles and theory from previous didactic and clinical courses.
- Conduct systematic collection of women's health history and objective data resulting in differential diagnoses.
- Recognize normal and abnormal variations of anatomic, physiologic, psychosocial, sexual, and spiritual wellbeing in women.
- Develop a plan of care including appropriate consultation with preceptors and others, when deviations from normal are identified.
- Apply effective teaching, support, anticipatory guidance, and intervention in providing childbearing, gynecologic and primary health care.
- Demonstrates competency of time management, productivity, quality of care, record keeping, patient flow, and managing health care resources and costs.
- Describe, observe and, as appropriate, participate in quality improvement and quality assurance activities at clinical sites.
- Provide women's health care according to established guidelines for practice in the designated health care setting.
- Assume responsibility and accountability in clinical practice and professional responsibilities as defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

This is the final clinical course for nurse-midwifery students and solidifies their transition to a safe beginning practitioner. This residency experience is a minimum of eight weeks at a site that best matches students' learning needs. Faculty determines the site in collaboration with students. Experiences in a site will include clinical experiences, intrapartum on call, quality assurance activities, consultation, and meeting attendance. The Student Nurse-Midwife (SNM) must complete all experiences required by the site to successfully complete the nurse-midwifery residency experience. Students are expected to apply previous didactic and clinical knowledge and experience in the care of women throughout the life span. During the Residency experience, students function semi-autonomously under the supervision of nurse midwifery preceptors. This semester is very time intensive and students are urged to plan ahead to meet the required contact hours. Mastery of these skills have been a progression through their clinical experiences.

The student will receive clinical evaluations conducted by a faculty member during the semester. During these visits we do not want to interrupt the normal flow of the clinic. The faculty providing the site visit will not be involved in the care of the patient; rather we are there to observe the student's progression in obtaining a history, conducting an appropriate physical exam, and his/her interaction with you and the staff. We also would like to discuss with you any comments or concerns regarding the student or our program.

We do ask you to complete evaluations of the student and review them with the student. The students will also be evaluating their performance. Your evaluation of the student progression is important, and is used to determine the student's final grade. The student will provide you with the evaluation forms.