

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AFFECTING THE  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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<b>TITLE OF POLICY:</b>	<b>CLINICAL HOURS FOR PRELICENSURE COURSES</b>
<b>ORIGINAL DATE:</b>	<b>MAY 2000</b>
<b>LAST REVIEWED/REVISED:</b>	<b>APRIL 2008</b>
<b>POLICY:</b>	Faculty will schedule students for the number of clinical hours <b>required as determined by the number of clinical credits</b> . If students are absent on these days, refer to Policy #45, Attendance.
<b>PROCEDURE:</b>	Faculty will schedule a maximum of one (1) clinical day for end-of-rotation evaluations.  Faculty will schedule a maximum of one (1) clinical day for orientation to the clinical unit unless there are circumstances that require a longer orientation period. When these circumstances exist, faculty will notify the Department Chair in writing of the total amount of time to be used for orientation and rationale for this need.
<b>PROCEDURE:</b>	The total number of required clinical hours will be designated on the course syllabus. See below:

<b>Traditional Prelicensure Program</b>	<b>CLINICAL HOURS</b>
NUR 0080 Foundations of Nur Prac 1	90
NUR 0081 Foundations of Nur Prac 2	45
NUR0082 NUR Mgt Adults w/Acute/Chronic	180
NUR1050 NUR Care of Mothers, Newborns	112.5
NUR1052 NUR Care Child & Families	112.5
NUR1054 Nursing Care of Older Adults	45
NUR1060 NUR Care of Clients w/Psyc MH	112.5
NUR1120 NUR Adv Nur Mgt Adults w/Acute Complex	112.5
NUR1121 Adv Clinical Problem Solving	90
NUR1128 Community Health Nursing	112.5
NUR 1133/N1134 Transitions into Prof Nursing	270
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1282.5</b>
<b>Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program</b>	
NUR 1281 Foundations of Nur Pract 1	150
NUR 1282 Nur Mgt Adults w/Acute/Chronic	180
NUR1250 Nur Care of Mothers, Newborns	30
NUR1252 Nur Care Child & Families	90
NUR1260 Nur Care of Clients w/Psyc MH	90
NUR 1220 Nur Adv Nur Mgt Adults w/Acute/Complex	150
NUR 1221 Adv Clinical Problem Solving	60
NUR 1227 Community Health Nursing	30
NUR 1233 Transitions into Prof Nursing	180
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>960</b>

The number of required clinical hours is calculated as follows:

No. of clinical credits x ratio x 15 = total required hours. This number is then divided by the number of clinical weeks that will be scheduled during the term. The ratio is 1:3 for students in the Traditional Prelicensure Program and 1:4 for students in the Accelerated 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree BSN Program.

For example, the calculation for N0080 which has 2 clinical credits would be:

$$2 \text{ credits} \times 3 \text{ (ratio)} \times 15 \text{ weeks} = 90 / 14 \text{ weeks} = 6.4 \text{ hrs/day over 14 weeks}$$

The number of weeks each term that are available for clinical will vary depending on the University calendar. Faculty will account for variability in term length by adjusting the number of hours assigned each day to achieve the total number of hours designated in the above table.

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