

**University of Pittsburgh  
School of Nursing**

**Policy 422**

**Administrative Policies Affecting  
The School of Nursing**

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**TITLE OF POLICY: FACULTY SCHOLARLY CLINICAL PROJECTS OR PRACTICE**

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**POLICY:**

**Introduction**

Full time faculty appointed to the School of Nursing in the non-tenure stream will maintain a scholarly clinical project or practice. All faculty members who are advance practice nurses are expected to maintain an active clinical practice to meet national certification and Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing requirements. It is preferred that the project/practice be in the specialty area for which faculty have teaching responsibilities and in the agency in which faculty instruct students.

**Purpose**

The purpose of Scholarly Clinical Project/Practice is to sustain or enhance expertise through scholarly activities related to practice.

In addition, the clinical project/practice will:

- Foster a collaborative relationship between University faculty and individuals in the service settings/agencies;
- Increase opportunities for collaboration between education and service in scholarly activity such as application of research findings, participation in research teams and sharing clinical knowledge via publication and presentation;
- Support practice requirements for faculty for recertification in their specialty.

**Practice Requirements**

- All projects/practice must be reported on faculty members' annual self-evaluation.
- Faculty practice hours will vary but will include a minimum of 10% effort per contracted week, to be determined by the Department Chair.
- Faculty practice will be a component of the faculty workload and will be considered in annual evaluation and reappointment considerations.
- Ideally, opportunities for faculty practice that involve the provision of direct clinical care are in a UPMC or University facility.
- If the faculty practice site is not in a UPMC or University facility, faculty cannot identify themselves as a representative of the University and they are not covered by the School of Nursing's malpractice insurance policy. Faculty practicing in a non-UPMC or non-University facility is expected to carry their own malpractice insurance to cover their clinical practice.
- Other opportunities, which may include external training or research related activities, may also take place at other locations.