

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AFFECTING THE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

TITLE OF POLICY: FACULTY SCHOLARLY CLINICAL PRACTICE

ORIGINAL DATE: June 2005

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POLICY: Consistent with Pennsylvania State Board Faculty Requirements for CRNP programs, faculty members teaching clinical courses in advanced practice majors/areas of concentration are required to provide evidence of expertise in their subject areas; to be currently licensed as an RN in Pennsylvania; if applicable, to be certified as an advanced practice provider in the Commonwealth; and to maintain National Certification as an advanced practice nurse. Faculty members teaching clinical courses must provide evidence of maintaining expertise in their clinical area and must “maintain currency in clinical practice through ongoing clinical practice”
<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter21/s21.367.html>.

PROCEDURE:

- Full-time 12-month faculty members will be given 10% workload credit (200 hours) over the course of each year to fulfill clinical practice requirements to maintain their national certification.
- Full-time 8 month and part-time faculty are also expected to meet faculty practice requirements to maintain their national certification.
- Practice 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.

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