

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES
AFFECTING THE SCHOOL OF NURSING**

TITLE OF POLICY: **CLINICAL HOURS FOR PRELICENSURE**

COURSES ORIGINAL DATE: **May 2000**

LAST REVIEWED/REVISED: **August 2025**

POLICY: Faculty will schedule students for the number of clinical hours **required as determined by the number of clinical credits**. If students are absent on these days, refer to [Policy 45](#), Attendance.

PROCEDURE: 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.

PROCEDURE: The total number of required clinical hours will be designated on the course syllabus. See below:

Traditional Pre-licensure *class 2021 and after

	Clinical Hours	Credits
NUR 0090 Foundations of Nursing Practice 1 Clinical	45	1.0
NUR 0092 Nur Mgt Adult w/Acute/Chronic Illness Clin	157.5	3.5
NUR 1057 Nur Care of Mothers, Newborns & Fam Clin	90	2.0
NUR 1042 Nursing Care of Children & Families Clin	90	2.0
NUR 1066 Nursing Care of Clients w/Psych MH Clin	90	2.0
NUR 1020 Adv Nur Mgt Adult w/Acute Complex Clin	90	2.0
NUR 1121C Adv Clinical Problem Solving Clinical	90	2.0
NUR 1138 Community Health Nursing Clinical	90	2.0
NUR 1135 Transitions into Prof Nursing Clinical	202.5	4.5

Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program *beginning term 2197

NUR 1282C	Nur Mgt Adult w/Acute/Chronic Clinical	210	3.5
NUR 1250C	Nur Care of Mothers, Newborns & Fam Clin	60	1.0
NUR 1252C	Nur Care of Children & Families Clinical	60	1.0
NUR 1260C	Nur Care of Clients w/Psych MH Clinical	90	1.5
NUR 1020C	Adv Nur Mgt Adult w/Acute/Complex Clin	120	2.0
NUR 1221C	Adv Clinical Problem Solving Clinical	60	1.0
NUR 1228C	Community Health Nursing Clinical	30	0.5
NUR 1234C	Transition into Prof Nursing Practice Clinical	180	3.0

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 2nd Degree BSN Program.

For example:

Traditional Prelicensure: the calculation for NUR 1057 - 2 clinical credits, would be:

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

Degree: the calculation for NUR 1260C - 1.5 clinical credits, would be:

$(1.5 \text{ credits} \times 4 \text{ (ratio)} \times 15 \text{ weeks}) = 90 / 14 \text{ weeks} = 6.4 \text{ hrs/day over 14 weeks}$

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.

Simulation: Traditional clinical can be substituted by 30% of simulation per course:

Approved by Dean's Council 3/28/00

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