

**MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING  
AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Graduate Program**  
**Family Nurse Practitioner Sequence**  
**General Guidelines for Clinical Performance in Preceptorships**

The clinical practice emphases in the courses will encompass health promotion, illness prevention, minor acute and chronic illness management and case management of families and clients across the lifespan, from infants, children, and adolescents to adults and older adults. In the clinical preceptorships of the Family Nurse Practitioner courses, it is expected that the student will demonstrate consistent, safe, responsible, preventive, and family-centered clinical practice through the application of the following problem-solving steps.

Specific components of clinical performance that will be encouraged by faculty and preceptors are listed below. In the pass/fail clinical component of the practicum courses, it will be expected that the student:

1. Obtains all necessary data for a complete evaluation of the client/family.
2. Makes complete and accurate identification of problems based on correct interpretation of the data.
3. Anticipates other potential problems that could be expected because of identified health risks, developmental stage, or other health problems.
4. Evaluates the client's/family's needs for immediate intervention, consultation, or referral when there is a deviation from normal.
5. Develops a comprehensive plan of care supported by valid rationale and based on the preceding steps.
6. Implements a plan of care efficiently and safely, including follow-up care when indicated.
7. Evaluates the effectiveness of care provided, reevaluating any aspect of care which is incomplete or ineffective.

It is also expected that students will learn to present their clients to preceptors, faculty, and peers to seek consultation, share information, and collaborate in the provision of services. Students will develop an increasing ability to present thorough and concise case presentations regarding the clients they serve as a Family Nurse Practitioner.