

60-2-105. Clinical resources.

- (a) Written contractual agreements between the nursing education program and each affiliating agency shall be signed and kept on file in the nursing education program office.
- (b) Clinical learning experiences and sites shall be selected to provide learning opportunities necessary to achieve the nursing education program objectives or outcomes.
- (c) The faculty of each nursing education program shall be responsible for student learning and evaluation in the clinical area.
- (d) The nursing education program shall provide verification that each affiliating agency used for clinical instruction has clinical facilities that are adequate for the number of students served in terms of space, equipment, and other necessary resources, including an adequate number of patients or clients necessary to meet the program objectives or outcomes.
- (e) A maximum of a 1:10 faculty-to-student ratio, including students at observational sites, shall be maintained during the clinical experience.
- (f) Clinical observational experiences.
 - (1) The objectives or outcomes for each observational experience shall reflect observation rather than participation in nursing interventions.
 - (2) Affiliating agencies in which observational experiences take place shall not be required to be staffed by registered nurses.
 - (3) Observational experiences shall constitute no more than 15 percent of the total clinical hours for the course, unless approved by the board.
- (g) Clinical experiences with preceptors shall be no more than 20 percent of the total clinical hours of the nursing education program. This prohibition shall not apply to the capstone course.
- (h) Each affiliating agency used for clinical instruction shall be staffed independently of student assignments.
- (i) The number of affiliating agencies used for clinical experiences shall be adequate for meeting curriculum objectives or outcomes. The nursing education program faculty shall provide the affiliating agency staff with the organizing curriculum framework and either objectives or outcomes for clinical learning experiences used.
- (j) A sufficient number and variety of patients representing all age groups shall be utilized to provide learning experiences that meet curriculum objectives or outcomes. If more than one nursing education program uses the same affiliating agency, the nursing education programs shall document the availability of appropriate learning experiences for all students.

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