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Policy Title: Validation of Clinical Experiences for Post-Graduate Advanced Practice Completion Students

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### Policy

Post-graduate advanced practice students may obtain validation for clinical credits by demonstrating achievement of course objectives within the sequence of post-graduate clinical coursework recommended for program completion and national certification requirements. Each post-graduate completion student will have a faculty conducted formal gap analysis of past graduate education to determine the direct patient care clinical hours needed to obtain a post-graduate certificate that meets the institution's requirements and meets national standards, state regulations, and certification eligibility criteria. Each post-graduate completion student must demonstrate national competencies necessary to grant credit for prior academic and faculty supervised clinical hours. Clinical credits may not be obtained for non-academic clinical experiences that were not faculty supervised or for participation in post-graduate residencies or fellowships.

### Background

Post-graduate advanced practice students may demonstrate competencies based on their previous graduate advanced practice coursework which meet current course objectives identified in the program. All advanced practice students must complete a minimum of at least 750 clinical hours in a population-focused area to meet national standards and regulations.

### Procedure

1. On or before the first day of class, the student must apply for validation of course objectives by contacting the track coordinator/lead course faculty and submitting a Validation of Clinical Coursework Form (attached) which provides evidence of meeting objectives and course requirements.
2. Validation of prior clinical experiences will occur through a formal gap analysis of documentation of prior clinical experiences in an academic program. Assessment of achieved competencies may also occur through observation by course faculty of

the student's performance in the clinical area or simulation. A maximum of 2 credits (120 clinical hours) may be approved.

3. Course faculty will review the information provided and will document on the Validation of Clinical Coursework Form for the determination of course credit prior to the student registering for the preceptorship course.
4. If validation includes observation, course faculty will determine the observation and evaluation methods to be used in determining if performance demonstrates achievement of course objectives, and identified competencies.
5. If validation is granted, the student will be advised by the track coordinator of the needed number of preceptorship credits. If no validation is granted by the faculty, the student will be required to complete course credit requirements.
6. The faculty member completes the Validation of Clinical Coursework Form, obtains necessary signatures, and sends a copy of the completed form to the Student Affairs Office and track coordinator/advisor. The completed form will be filed in the student's record.

Validation of Clinical Coursework Form (Policy D8080)

Student, please complete the following section

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Track:

3. Certification Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Certified:

Expiration Date:

Certifying Body: \_\_\_\_\_:

Certification number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Course Number and Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Documentation provided: Explain briefly and attach any pertinent information:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Faculty complete the following section:

Validation credit approved:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Any specific area(s) of clinical experience needed:

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Faculty Signature

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Date

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Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Signature or Designee

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Date

Copy to: Student Affairs Office, Track Coordinator/Advisor