FNP
CLINICAL LOG GUIDELINES

The Clinical Log is a mechanism whereby the student's clinical progress and activities can be evaluated. It provides an ongoing communication with course faculty that is essential. The log will be completed weekly and be submitted for evaluation by course faculty on dates identified in your course syllabus. It should be typed.

The Clinical Log should include the following:

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Column 1 – Include the Age/Sex/Ethnicity/Culture of your client

Column 2 – Include the diagnosis (es) of each patient along with the E & M level and Diagnostic code for one patient each day of practice. Coding is for students in N636, N637 & N638.

Column 3 – Place your pertinent assessment findings for each client. For example: SOB, rales in lower bases, red bulging eardrum, crepitus of right knee, ROM limited to 15 degrees of left elbow.

Column 4 – Include a summary of therapeutic interventions performed for each client. Include diagnostics, therapeutic-- medications ordered, education offered, nursing care and follow-up/referral plans. Be sure to include any cultural considerations, if applicable. (You may "cluster" clients with the same diagnosis if appropriate).

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A summary of learning experiences for each day of clinical should be included. Include the new information or the "pearls" that you learned during your clinical experience. Answer the questions that occurred to you during your practice. Compare practice to standards of care and determine if you would change anything. Discuss learning experiences and provide text/journal citation that supports what you have learned. The citation may come from your course text, nursing or research-based journals, or other reputable sources. You must, however, include one primary research study with each log submission. This research study must be clearly relevant to the topic you are discussing. Submit a copy of the article with your log.

Citations will be in APA format.

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Question 1 – Identify the types of client diagnoses/experiences you would like to have an opportunity to see and your personal objectives for future clinical improvement in specific areas.

Question 2 – Identify problems that impede your clinical learning. This is an opportunity to engage in problem solving with your clinical instructor or clinical preceptor to enhance your learning opportunities.

Grading of Clinical Logs Points received

Page 1…….30

- Complete
- Correct coding
- Appropriate information included in each section

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- New learning identified
- Citations support learning experiences
- Research cited, relevant
- APA format correct

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- Identifies and evaluates own learning needs

Total points _____