



EDUCATIONAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

between

Ashland University (AU) Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences

and

Pioneer Career & Technology Center

The Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences (hereafter referred to as the CONHS) and **Pioneer Career & Technology Center** (hereafter referred to as the Clinical Agency) through this agreement, arrange for the CONHS students' clinical/internship assignments as agreed upon by the CONHS faculty and the Clinical Agency.

A. Whereas, the CONHS has requested this experience for students and the clinical agency has agreed to furnish this experience, each will abide by the conditions and terms herein set forth:

1. The Clinical Agency retains the ultimate responsibility for the quality of client services provided.
2. The CONHS will provide preliminary guidance and direction to the students through qualified faculty members employed by the CONHS. The Clinical Agency staff will be as determined for the specific experience.
3. The type of experience, length of experience, number of students assigned to an experience, and education level of the student will be agreed upon by the assigned CONHS faculty member and the Clinical Agency. The CONHS and the clinical agency mutually desire to promote excellence in the provision of professional services, health education, and to contribute to the professional growth and competence of students in the educational program.
4. When the CONHS assigns undergraduate students to a clinical agency they shall meet the CONHS programmatic health record qualifications based on admission standards and immunization guidelines. Student health records shall be maintained by the CONHS. When graduate students arrange a clinical experience with the Clinical Agency, the student will verify that they meet the Clinical Agency health record qualifications at the time of their experience. A statement of this verification will be maintained in their student clinical record maintained by the CONHS.
5. Undergraduate and graduate students will complete a 10 panel drug screen and FBI/BCI fingerprint background check for CONHS students. Results will be verified by the program director and maintained in the students' clinical record.

6. Proof of malpractice coverage and CPR certification shall be maintained by the CONHS.
7. When a Clinical Agency provides a Preceptor for an undergraduate pre-licensure nursing student it shall be in accordance with Ohio Board of Nursing Ohio Administrative Code §4723-5-01 (X) which defines the “preceptor” as a registered nurse who meets the requirements of this chapter, who provides supervision of a nursing student’s clinical experience at the clinical agency in which the preceptor is employed, to no more than two students at any one time, and who implements the clinical education plan at the direction of a faculty member responsible for the course in which the student is enrolled. According to Ohio Administrative Code §4723-5-10 (5) (a-d) a preceptor as defined in paragraph (X) must have the following minimum qualifications and academic preparation; (a) O.R.C. §4723-5-01 completion of an approved registered nursing education program in a jurisdiction as defined in paragraph (P) of §4723-5-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, (b) experience for at least two years in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse with demonstrated competence in the area of clinical practice in which the preceptor provides supervision to a nursing student, (c) a baccalaureate degree in nursing is preferred; and (d) current, valid licensure as a registered nursing in the jurisdiction or foreign country where the supervision of a nursing student’s clinical experience occurs. In addition, when a Clinical Agency provides a preceptor it shall be in accordance with the Ohio Board of Nursing and Ohio Administrative Code §4723-5-20 (F) (G): Responsibilities of faculty and instructional personnel in a clinical setting. The preceptor providing supervision of a nursing student shall at least: (1) Have competence in the area of clinical practice in which the preceptor is providing supervision to a student; (2) Design, at the direction of a faculty member, the student’s clinical experience to achieve the stated objectives or outcomes of the nursing course in which the student is enrolled; (3) Clarify with the faculty member: (a) The role of the preceptor; (b) The responsibilities of the faculty member; (c) The course and clinical objectives or outcomes; (d) The clinical experience evaluation tool; and (4) Contribute to the evaluation of the student’s performance by providing information to the faculty member and the student regarding the student’s achievement of established objectives or outcomes. (G) A preceptor shall provide supervision to no more than two nursing students at any one time, provided the circumstances are such that the preceptor can adequately supervise the practice of both students. The preceptor of the Clinical Agency shall provide the CONHS with a current Preceptor Data Form for licensure verification as requested.

When the Clinical Agency provides a Preceptor/Mentor/Supervisor for an undergraduate non-nursing student, undergraduate post-licensure nursing student, or a graduate student, the Preceptor will:

- be an appropriate licensed, credentialed health care provider as approved by the program, providing evidence of licensure, certification, and a copy of their curriculum vitae to the CONHS.
- have at least 24 months of experience and a minimum of three months experience at the current practice site.
- shall at least:
 - (1) Have competence in the area of clinical practice in which the preceptor is providing supervision to a student;
 - (2) Design, at the direction of a faculty member, the student’s clinical experience to achieve the stated student learning outcomes of the course in which the student is enrolled;
 - (3) Clarify with the faculty member:
 - (a) The role of the preceptor;
 - (b) The responsibilities of the faculty member;
 - (c) The course and clinical student learning outcomes;
 - (d) The clinical experience evaluation tool; and

- (4) Contribute to the evaluation of the student's performance by providing information to the faculty member and the student regarding the student's achievement of established outcomes.
8. CONHS students will provide their own transportation to and from the experience and provide their own meals. Student attire will be as determined appropriate for the experience and in accord with the Clinical Agency's policy and the program's requirements.
 9. Each CONHS student is covered with professional liability insurance in amounts of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000.
 10. CONHS students shall not be deemed agents, servants, or employees of the Clinical Agency, although they shall be subject to the reasonable direction and control of the Clinical Agency staff during the student experience. The student shall not be compensated by the CONHS or the Clinical Agency for the clinical experience or any services rendered by the student under this agreement, nor shall the student be entitled to any employment-related benefits, including worker's compensation or unemployment benefits.
 11. Neither party shall discriminate against any student desiring to participate or any student participating in the experience because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, handicap, disability, age, or protected military status, or any other status protected by law. However, neither the CONHS nor the Clinical Agency shall be required to provide a clinical assignment to any student who is unable to meet the Programmatic Student Health Status Criteria formulated by the CONHS.
 12. The CONHS shall protect, hold harmless and indemnify the Clinical Agency from and against any claim, demand or liability arising out of any occurrence which results from negligence or willful misconduct of the students or any agent, servant or employee of the CONHS while at the Clinical Agency facility.
 13. The Clinical Agency shall protect, hold harmless and indemnify the CONHS from and against any claim, demand or liability arising out of any occurrence, which results from the negligence or willful misconduct of any agent, servant, or employee of the Clinical Agency, in any way caused by them at the Clinical Agency.
 14. In case of illness or accident involving a student during a clinical assignment at the Clinical Agency facility, the CONHS will be notified. Medical attention necessary in case of an accident while on assignment will be administered at the closest qualified medical facility. Faculty and/or students remain responsible for costs incurred for their own medical care.
 15. The CONHS will notify the Clinical Agency whenever students are unable to come at the scheduled time.
 16. Students and faculty of the CONHS will: (a) safeguard the client's right to privacy; (b) comply with all standards established by the appropriate accreditation agency in the manner implemented in this agency; and (c) comply with the Clinical Agency professional standards of conduct.

THIS AGREEMENT is in force until further notice and supersedes any previous affiliation agreement. It may be subject to termination by either party involved with due consideration of patient care and educational commitments, upon six (6) months written notice by either party.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the two parties involved in the Agreement place their signatures on this document.

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