PHNU 784: Concurrent Field Practicum II, Occupational Health Nursing

Number of credits: 2
Faculty: Susan Randolph/Bonnie Rogers

The concurrent field practicum II is designed to offer OHN students without experience the opportunity to increase their knowledge about the role of the OHN at the worksite. Emphasis should be placed on learning about managerial and administrative components of the occupational health unit within the overall work environment.

The following objectives should be achieved by the student:

1. Evaluate the managerial functions of the occupational health nurse and participation in policy and decision-making.
2. Analyze the nurse’s role in the decision-making process regarding worker health.
3. Describe the budgeting process and financial management of the occupational health unit.
4. Analyze the interaction of the industry/agency with the community and external environment.

Satisfactory achievement of these objectives presupposes the student’s assessment of the workplace and work force, the role of the OHN, and the scope of workplace health and safety programs.

Practicum sites and field resource people will generally be selected and arranged for by the OHN practicum instructor; however, students may select practicum sites with faculty approval.

In so far as students are enrolled in concurrent academic coursework, the student will be responsible for negotiating the required practicum hours as best meets the needs of the student and organization.
**Requirements**

In addition to the required 90 practicum hours the student will be required to:

1. Negotiate specific written objectives with the field resource person within the context of the course objectives above. The objectives along with a brief introductory paragraph describing the proposed experience shall be submitted to faculty no later than one week after practicum begins.

2. Provide a description of how key worksite personnel plan, implement, and evaluate programs for at-risk groups of workers. Information obtained should be described, analyzed and written into a comprehensive paper and should include a relevant literature review. The paper should not exceed eight double-spaced typed pages and is due within one week following practicum completion.

3. Describe accomplishments of general course and specific student objectives in writing; the assignment shall be typed and due within one week following practicum completion. It is recommended that a daily log of activities be kept to aid in the development of this report and to review with faculty every 2-3 weeks.

4. Schedule mid-term and final evaluation conference with the field resource person to provide an opportunity for constructive feedback and ongoing evaluation.

5. Complete the practicum form at the time you start your practicum and again when you finish it. The form is available at [http://www.sph.unc.edu/forms/practicum/](http://www.sph.unc.edu/forms/practicum/).

When the practicum is over, you will complete this same form online, indicating which competencies you actually achieved, and also modifying the description of your practicum if it changed substantially from what you anticipated. Your course grade cannot be assigned until this step is completed. This is required by the Gillings School of Global Public Health.

6. Complete the Student Evaluation form.

In order to be eligible for a grade of H, all assignments must be handed in on time.

**Due Dates**

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