

Indiana University Kokomo
School of Nursing
Capstone and Management Clinical Information Spring 2010

Our nursing capstone practicum will be scheduled January 11 through approximately February 12, 2010. During this time, the student will spend approximately 120 hours in the assigned facility doing hands-on clinical learning with an RN preceptor, to oversee the student's activities. You will also be assigned to a faculty member from IU Kokomo. Each student will be assigned a facility and preceptor, with an attempt to match the wishes and skill set of the student with the available placements. Students will not get the specific assignment until December or early January. Once you get your assignment you may also be assigned some orientation times at your assigned facility. Each student is assigned a preceptor RN and the students will self schedule for this clinical in collaboration with the assigned preceptor after orientation (you may not begin until classes have begun in January. Since the students will NOT have nursing classes meeting during this time there should be no conflict with completing the necessary hours. (your nursing lecture courses will begin mid February). Students, to the best of their abilities, should aim to clear their personal schedules for this experience.

Following the capstone clinical experience, the students will be required to spend approximately 24 hours with a charge nurse or shift supervisor and another 20 hours with a nurse manager or director, usually associated with the same unit or facility that the student completed the capstone. This may be spread over the next few months. During the time with the manager/director we would like the student to attend a management meeting where the student could take minutes and complete a communication diagram. The student should also have the opportunity to learn about staffing, budgets, and dealing with employee issues. The student could also spend time with the facility's quality improvement manager, case manager, education director or others.

In addition to the clinical time spent at the facility, the students are to provide an education fair or in-service for the nursing staff within the clinical facility. The management experiences and education fair should be completed by April 2, 2010.

The didactic coursework for the senior semester will begin February 15, 2010. The class times have been planned so that the students each receive the correct instructional time.

Students: a grid will be posted with the required registration numbers for you. **YOU MUST USE THESE NUMBERS IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.** These numbers place you in a geographic area related to your clinical.