CLINICAL EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:
1. Apply communication and therapeutic nursing skill in the clinical setting.
2. Increase awareness of mental health services in the community.

PRINCIPLES:
1. Human beings are complex systems of interrelated parts, the whole of which is greater than the sum.
2. Each individual has some strengths and potential for growth.
3. Each individual is unique and has inherent value.
4. All human beings are sufficiently similar that there is a basis for understanding and communicating with one another.
5. All behavior is purposeful and is designed to meet a need or to communicate a message.
6. Behavior is learned as an adaptation to an earlier stressor and is the best possible adaptation the individual is capable of making at the time.
7. An individual learns behavioral-adaptations primarily in interaction with significant people in his environment.

OUTCOMES:
1. Establish Therapeutic Relationship with selected client.
2. Maintain relationship by meeting with assigned client on each clinical day.
3. Terminate relationship with assigned client on final clinical day.
4. Demonstrate professional attitude and interaction with clients, staff, faculty and peers.
5. Maintain confidentiality.
6. Attend an ITP (individual treatment plan) meeting and/or other group therapy sessions.
7. Participate in agency activities.
8. Cite agency policies.