

Allegany College of Maryland
Maternal Child Nursing 205

CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS

Students are required to have secured clinical agency sites and clinical preceptors according to the *Clinical Policy and Procedure Guidelines*. Failure to secure clinical sites or clinical preceptors will result in the student being dropped from the program. See LPN-RN Documents webpage.

Students must have a current and acceptable CPR card as outlined in the Nursing Policy Handbook. **Students are required to read the Student and Preceptor Roles and Responsibilities guidelines prior to commencing clinical hours.**

Students must have approval from the Program Coordinator to begin clinical hours – this is to ensure that preceptors have been approved. Students will complete the required clinical components under the direct supervision of an approved Clinical preceptor- a Registered Nurse with a minimum of a BSN. Students may complete clinical hours in increments from two (2) to twelve (12) hour shifts. Students may schedule clinical hours during the day, evening, night, or weekend in accordance with the approved preceptor work schedule. Students are to contact the preceptor to arrange clinical hours.

Students are required to maintain a clinical log, documenting the number of clinical hours completed and the focus. Clinical preceptors are required to sign the clinical log as part of the validation process for completion of clinical hours. Students must complete the required number of clinical hours for the course. **A minimum of one half of the required clinical hours for Nursing 205/206 must be completed by mid-term, and the remainder completed two weeks prior to the end of the semester.** Students who fail to satisfactorily complete the required number of clinical hours and/or clinical assignments, fail the course.

Clinical laboratory performance will be evaluated as **Satisfactory** or **Unsatisfactory** based on stated Clinical laboratory objectives and ACM's "Critical Behaviors- Guidelines for Student Evaluation". Students must submit the required clinical assignment paperwork for each specific experience by established due dates. An unsatisfactory assignment must be resubmitted until satisfactory. Faculty reserve the right to limit the number of resubmitted unsatisfactory work. Failure to obtain a satisfactory grade in clinical, due either to errors or omissions with required clinical paperwork or failure to meet any of the Critical Behaviors will result in a clinical failure. **Any unsafe behavior on the clinical unit or violation of HIPAA will result in immediate dismissal from the program and the student will not be eligible to reapply.**

Clinical lab performance must be satisfactory in order to pass Nursing 205. Students must comply with the nursing policies for the clinical laboratory. Please refer to the Nursing Policy Book for a complete list of requirements listed under Clothing, Appearance and Grooming. **Students are required to wear scrubs with the ACM patch on the left sleeve and their ACM Student name badges during clinical hours.**