



Practicum Support Guidelines for Nurse Practitioner Students

Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center, Columbia, SC

1. Contact Shauna Robertson at the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center at 803-733-5969, extension 4139. Shauna is the gatekeeper for all student placements for Eau Claire Cooperative. When the student calls for a requested practicum, she places them on a list and prefers that they call many months prior to practicum need. If a student secures another practicum site, Shauna needs to be contacted by the student to be removed from her waiting list. The spring (Jan. thru June semester) is decided in the previous fall, usually in October and the Fall is decided during the previous Spring, usually April. If you do not receive confirmation with a response to an email or phone call, then call or email Shauna Robertson at srobertson@ecchc.org to ensure she received the correspondence and/or phone call.
 2. Do not contact the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center practices or providers directly. All requests for consideration must go through Shauna Robertson.
 3. Eau Claire cannot support a Women's Health practicum need currently.
 4. When the student calls, the student must share the university they are attending, the program of which they are enrolled, the course number, start
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and end dates of semester. If the practicum has a focus such as pediatrics, she also must know this information.

The center also supports medical students/residents and MUSC PA students in addition to NP students from several universities.

5. Eau Claire Health Center must receive student's health requirement information prior to start of their first clinical practicum with this organization. This information consists of the student's immunization record (if the student has had the disease and no immunization then a titer to determine immunity), 2 step PPD with the most recent PPD being within 30 days of the start of the rotation, 10 panel urine drug screen within 30 days of the start of the clinical, a copy of SC RN license, a copy of BLS certification, documentation that the student is in good standing with the university, and documentation of HIPAA and OSHA training.
 6. If a student calls, leave a message with full name and return phone number. They can also send an email that should also include their phone number at srobertson@ecchc.org.
 7. For the culminating course with 300 clinical hours, Eau Claire must know what number of hours out of the total could be devoted to pediatrics as our family practice offices are few that see pediatrics. The volume is not as high and the ages cannot be guaranteed therefore the students are usually assigned to a pediatric office as well as a family practice office.
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8. When Eau Claire Health Center cannot accommodate a student, it is suggested that the student go to the internet to the Association of Federally Qualified Health Centers, lookup South Carolina and it will give a listing of all the health centers in SC with their phone numbers as well as the types of offices they have. Also the AHEC offices in Florence, Charleston and the upstate around Clemson are also helpful. The Midlands AHEC may also be able to find them an OB/GYN office.

