

Yale School of Nursing Student Clinical Placements Compliance Policy

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1. Employment and Clinical Placement Restrictions

- Students are prohibited from engaging in clinical placements on units where they are employed.
- Students may not be precepted by family members, including but not limited to parents, siblings, aunts/uncles, grandparents, children, cousins, in-laws, or stepfamily members.

2. Health and Compliance Requirements

- Students must comply with all health requirements mandated by each clinical site prior to beginning their placement at that site.*
- Failure to meet health requirements, may delay the start of clinical placements and, subsequently, graduation, due to site availability.

3. Clinical Site and Preceptor Selection

- Students are encouraged to bring suggestions for potential clinical sites to their specialty preceptor liaison for consideration.
- Students must not contact any new preceptors directly until they have received explicit approval from their specialty preceptor liaison.
- Direct patient care clinical hours may only be completed with an approved YSN preceptor.
- To avoid any conflict of interest, students may not complete clinical hours with a preceptor that is a relative, partner, personal health care provider, or has any other personal or social relationship with the student. Additionally, the student may not be precepted by an individual that is their immediate supervisor or reports directly to the student.
- It is the student's obligation to notify the faculty of record immediately if any potential conflict of interest exists with their clinical preceptors or agency.

4. Licensing Requirements for Clinical Participation

- To register for and participate in Nurse Practitioner and Midwifery clinicals, students must hold an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) [license](#) during the time of clinicals and in the state where clinicals are being held.*
- Students are responsible for the cost of their license.
- Specialty students are not permitted to begin any specialty clinical rotations until they have obtained their unencumbered RN license. *
- Students may not begin specialty clinical rotations until YSN has a fully executed contract in place with the clinical site and they have received written approval to start.

5. Consequences of Non-Compliance

- Inability to begin clinical placements as scheduled due to licensing or health compliance issues, may result in significant delays in clinical rotations. Such delays may impact program progression and graduation timelines, contingent on-site availability.

6. Clinical Site-Specific Requirements

- Students are responsible for completing all clinical site-specific requirements as mandated by the site and the required deadline.
- These requirements may include, but are not limited to, additional health screenings, certifications, orientation sessions, and background checks.
- Students must ensure timely submission of all necessary documentation to meet the clinical site's deadlines.
- Failure to comply with site-specific requirements may result in delayed or canceled clinical placements, potentially impacting program progression and graduation timelines.

* Students are responsible for ensuring they meet all outlined requirements prior to the start of their clinical rotations.