

## **N461 CLINICAL PRACTICUM THE CLINICAL PROJECT**

The clinical project is a systematic investigation of questions about clinical or organizational management practices that evaluate and translate forms of evidence into practice.

Each student collaborates with their preceptor to address a real-world clinical problem, staff need, or organizational issue. Once the problem is identified utilize the student will apply evidence-based research to identify a potential solution. While the student may actually implement the project, most often, a student will not implement the project. The project focuses more on the planning than the implementation. The clinical project will follow the ADPIE (minus the evaluation) format:

**Assess:** Work with your preceptor to identify a real-world clinical problem, staff need, or organizational issue that you would like to work with.

**Diagnosis:** Research, within the facility, the issue and identify the needed improvement

**Plan:** Research evidence-based practice to identify potential solutions. Select a solution you may be interested in developing.

**Implement:** Develop the implementation plan. You do not have to actually Implement.

Here is an example of what that would look like:

**Assess:** The hospital received a citation for lack of handwashing and is now focusing on 100% compliance.

**Diagnosis:** With your preceptor, you attended meeting that included discussion about the issue and/or you question your preceptor about the causes and/or you ask the staff about the issue. From this investigation, you conclude staff is not connecting the spread of infection with the practice of handwashing.

**Plan:** Outside of the clinical experience your research current evidence-based practice and identify multiple techniques for encouraging hand washing: Patient's holding staff accountable, Improved education, Songs, Infection Control Blitz's, etc. You decide you would like to work with the concept of teaching the staff a song to improve compliance.

**Implement:** You write a song that connects handwashing to the spread of infection that when recited is the correct length for good handwashing. You decide you would like to make a video of the Leadership team performing the song, publish the video to the facility online learning platform, play the song at all staff meetings, and post the words to the song above all employee sinks.

The clinical project will be presented via PowerPoint™ uploaded to Canvas and may in turn be shared with other faculty and students. The PowerPoint™ presentation may not exceed ten slides. The following is expected within these ten slides:

1. Title and participants
2. Assess: What was the reason for choosing this project?
3. Diagnosis: How did you identify the specific problem you would work research?
4. Plan: What evidence-based-practice are you utilizing to counteract the problem?
5. Implement: How would the project be rolled out?
6. Project Goal and at least two objectives.
7. Expected Outcomes or Observed Outcomes
8. Resources needed to complete the project.
9. How will this project impact outcomes in the facility?

#### **CLINICAL PROJECT GRADING RUBRIC**

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>POINTS TO PONDER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Title/Participants</b>	<b>Did the student include a title page and the participants?</b>		
<b>Project Choice</b>	<b>Did student articulate in written report why this project was chosen?</b>		
<b>Project Permission</b>	<b>Did student appropriately seek permission to conduct project thru faculty, preceptor and organization?</b>		
<b>Depth of Project</b>	<b>Did student describe the impact of the project on patient outcomes?</b>		
<b>Collaboration</b>	<b>Does the project demonstrate collaboration with preceptor?</b>		
<b>Project goals &amp; objectives</b>	<b>Was the project goal and outcomes clearly defined, with appropriate time lines?</b>		
<b>Implementation</b>	<b>Was the project completed in a timely and efficient manner?</b>		
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Did the student identify how the project would be evaluated?</b>		
<b>Resources</b>	<b>Did the student clearly define the resources needed to complete this project?</b>		