Greetings! Thank you for your willingness to be a preceptor for one of our nursing students. You are critical to the success of our program! The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide you with an overview of the school and orient you to the role of a clinical preceptor. Specific information about the program and course of your assigned student(s) will be provided by the faculty member working with you. For more detailed program information please visit our website at the link below; then click on “programs” in the left-hand menu bar: www.uwyo.edu/nursing.

Three paths to the BSN degree are offered:
- Basic BSN – a four year on-campus program option for students who desire to become a registered nurse.
- BRAND – an accelerated outreach program for students with a previous non-nursing baccalaureate degree who desire to become a registered nurse.
- RN/BSN – an online program for the registered nurse desiring a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Two graduate programs are offered:
- Nurse Practitioner – DNP degree
  - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
  - Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FPMHNP)
- Nurse Educator – MS degree to prepare nurses who desire to become nurse educators.

Essentials of the preceptor model of education:
- Expert nurse works with student one-to-one.
- Preceptor guides, supports and serves as a role model
- Faculty member serves as course coordinator/liaison between school and clinical setting/resource person
- Faculty member is not typically on site
- Communication between faculty/student/preceptor is critical to success of model

Role of the Preceptor:
- Responsible for patient care
- Responsible for clinical teaching of student
- Positive role model and resource person for student
- Create a positive learning environment
- Include student in activities that relate to learning goals/course objectives
- Provide feedback to student and faculty
- Notify faculty promptly if student is having clinical performance issues
- Preceptor and student selection
- Orienting preceptors and students
- Resource in problem solving
- Available to all, especially preceptors
- Make prior arrangements for consultation with preceptor
- Arranges individual and group conferences with students and preceptors
- Visits clinical sites as needed or requested by students/preceptors
- Responsible for final evaluation of student (with input from preceptor)

The faculty member responsible for your student will orient you early in the semester including development of a communication plan.

FWWSON students are expected to demonstrate professionalism. Should you have a concern about the performance or professional behavior of a student you are precepting, please contact the faculty member as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your service to FWWSON and our nursing profession! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the appropriate program coordinator or Susan Steiner, Associate Dean.

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