



# **Nursing Faculty and Student Clinical Learning Placements Guidebook**



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## Overview

### Introduction

The health and safety of students, faculty, patients, families and Children’s employees remain a top priority at Children’s National. As we begin to move forward with returning nursing faculty and students back into the practice-based environment of experiential learning, we acknowledge that it must be done so in consideration of current scientific knowledge.

Therefore, the guidelines and protocols in this document are aligned with federal, state, local and Children’s National recommendations.

We expect that our academic partners will recognize that the guidelines and protocols must be adhered to in order to ensure the highest level of safety for all.

### Return to Clinical Strategy

Children’s National provides experiential learning opportunities for nearly 600 nursing students annually, in partnership with over 50 academic nursing school partners. In recent months the disruption in healthcare resulted in an immediate action to minimize the risk for COVID-19 transmission by reducing the number of healthcare personnel and students to Children’s National. This action resulted in a significant impact to the nursing student’s academic progress, specifically the opportunity to have and complete required clinical placements.

In an effort to meet the learning needs of nursing students, Children’s National has developed a strategy to return nursing faculty and students back through a tiered process.

Tier	Clinical Group	Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Tier 1	Children’s National Employee-Graduate Student Placements	X	X	X	X
Tier 2	Undergraduate/Graduate Non Clinical (Virtual Placement ONLY)	X	X	x	X
Tier 3	Undergraduate/Graduate Practicum Placements (DC, MD, VA Nursing Schools ONLY)		X	X	X
Tier 4	Undergraduate Clinical Groups (DC, MD, VA Schools ONLY)		X Sept 8- Nov 14	X 1/25/21-0/21 3/22/31 - 5/21	X 5/24/21-7/31/21
Tier 5	Undergraduate/Graduate Clinical Groups & Practicum Placements (ALL NURSING Schools)		TBD		



## Approval Process

This process will include a rigorous review of each request to ensure that the nursing school can meet the requirements for return to clinical. Additionally, we will continuously review the return to clinical guidelines based on changing guidance related to PPE requirements, physical distancing and patient safety.

- Academic partners will continue to submit requests using the current process for both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Nursing schools must assess students for ADA or other accommodations in advance and determine student eligibility prior to a request for clinical placement.
- Please note that for clinical group placement requests we may limit the total number of requests per school and/or reduce the total number of students per clinical group.
- Nursing schools will be asked to outline their screening process for COVID-19 and provide the required clinical placement criteria.

Clinical Placement Requirements							
	Occupational Health Screen	Background Screen	Sex Offender Screen	Pre-Screen	Acknowledgement of Risk Form	Face Mask	Goggles/ Face Shield
Virtual Placement	X	X	X				
Onsite Placement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Clinical placements decisions will be selected based on several factors, including but not limited to:

1. PPE requirements/availability
2. Clinical care guidelines
3. Availability of clinical sites/locations/preceptors



Children's National will provide guidelines for screening, quarantine and PPE use for reference (See Guidelines for Nursing Clinical Faculty/Student returning to Children's National Hospital for Clinical Placements).

If the required PPE cannot be provided by the nursing school to the nursing student, the request for clinical placement(s) will not be approved.

### **Required Education**

In response to the changing requirements for transmission-based precautions and infection control all non-Children's clinical faculty and nursing students will be required to complete e-learning modules. These modules will be included in the required orientation e-learning bundles that must be completed prior to beginning any clinical placement.

### **Reporting COVID-19 Screening/Symptoms/Exposure**

Clinical faculty and/or students will be required to complete a one-time pre-screening tool prior to approval for clinical placements.

Beginning Monday, December 7, are students and faculty are required to report their health status every day they are scheduled for clinical, even if they are doing a virtual placement. To comply with DC Department of Health requirements, all students and faculty must complete the online screening tool before the start of each shift. Based on the information provided, you will be cleared to report for your shift, contacted by OH for follow up and/or testing, or not cleared and asked to stay home.



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### **Guidelines for Nursing Clinical Faculty/Student returning to Children's National Hospital for Clinical Placements**

1. Clinical rotations/practicum placements will resume based on the tiered strategy and revised approval process.
2. Prior to approval for clinical placement clinical faculty/students must complete all clinical placement requirements, including a one-time pre-screening tool
  - a. Pre-Screening Tool may be accessed via this link:
    - i. [Occupational Health COVID-19 Pre-screen](#)
    - ii.
3. Clinical faculty/student will also be expected to screen themselves daily symptoms prior to arriving at any Children's National Hospital location using the hospital daily screening tool.
  - a. Daily Screening tool may be accessed via this link:
    - i. [dailyscreen.childrensnational.org](http://dailyscreen.childrensnational.org)

If the clinical faculty/student has a positive screen they are not allowed onsite for clinical experience and must follow up with their school representative and notify their preceptor/Children's National coordinator.

- Clinical faculty/student who have a recent diagnosis of COVID must at a minimum follow the Children's National return to work criteria, which includes the following:
  - Home quarantine for at least 14 days from the onset of symptoms and must be asymptomatic
- If the student/faculty has a suspected or confirmed exposure due to close contact with a COVID positive person the student/faculty cannot report to Children's National, must report the exposure to the clinical leader at CN, and should follow up with their school representative to report the exposure and follow their institutions guidelines for exposure and quarantine
- If you should develop symptoms during the clinical day, the clinical faculty/student must inform their clinical faculty/preceptor and clinical leader (charge nurse, provider, and manager) for possible exposure follow up, leave the clinical site and follow up with their school representative.



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4. Each school is responsible for having each student/faculty sign a *Children's Hospital Acknowledgement of Risk* (see Addendum A) form prior to starting rotations.
  - a. Submit a copy of the signed form along with other required documentation for clinical rotations/practicum placements
  - b. The form may be accessed via this link:
  - c. [NURSING STUDENT/FACULTY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19](#)
  
1. Clinical faculty/students are required to wear a face mask and goggles or face shield upon entering any Children's National location.
  - a. **Cloth face masks are not permitted in the hospital for clinical faculty/students**
  - b. Face masks and goggles, or face shields must always be worn while on CN premises, except for meals.
  - c. Face masks and goggles, or face shields must cover nose and mouth.
  - d. Face masks and goggles, or face shields must also be worn on the CN shuttles.
  
2. All student/faculty must abide by physical distancing at all times except when conducting patient care activities which require closer physical proximity.
  
3. Failure to comply with the PPE and physical distancing requirements will result in an immediate dismissal of the clinical faculty and/or nursing student and may impact future approval of clinical placement for the associated nursing school program.