

Nurse-Midwifery MSN Clinical Frequently Asked Questions

1. What type of setting are acceptable?

- Refer to the clinical requirements documents via <https://nursing.uc.edu/content/dam/refresh/Nursing/documents/admitted-students/graduate-students/clinical-requirements/12-2020/nurse-midwifery-msn.pdf>

2. How do I find a preceptor?

- Refer to the Tips for Finding a Clinical Site (Eva will update and will send to marketing to house on the student landing page at <https://nursing.uc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/admitted-students/graduate/clinical-planning.html>

3. What steps do I take once I find a preceptor?

- Provide preceptor with VCF application
- Request preceptor CV
- Request if the clinical site requires an affiliation agreement; if student will be in a hospital setting, clinical site will require an affiliation agreement
- Ask your Clinical Site Coordinator if the site has an affiliation agreement
- For all Practicums especially NM II (add course no & NM III - make sure you have a VCF in place for every preceptor and an affiliation agreement for every clinical site)

4. How do I make sure my preceptor submitted his/her VCF Packet?

- Once the application is processed, the Clinical Site Coordinator (CSC) will send an email confirming receipt of the VCF packet. You can expect this email approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the start of the preceptor's scheduled term. If students wish to check the VCF packet status sooner, please contact the CSC for the specified program via email and include preceptor's name

5. What if my site requires a completed Educational Affiliation Agreement (EAA) prior to completing a VCF packet?

- If the clinical site requires an EAA first, please contact the CSC for the specified program via email to facilitate. Please include contact information, including email address, of the individual requesting the agreement at the clinical site.

6. Who can serve as an acceptable preceptor?

- Refer to the clinical requirements documents via <https://nursing.uc.edu/content/dam/refresh/Nursing/documents/admitted-students/graduate-students/clinical-requirements/12-2020/nurse-midwifery-msn.pdf>

7. Can I obtain clinical hours at my place of employment?

- Yes - Students can secure a preceptor at their place of employment. However, the student must notify the Program Director that this is the case and must receive written permission prior to obtaining clinical placement approval.

8. Is there an order that I must complete my clinical hours?

- Yes. Refer to the clinical requirements documents via <https://nursing.uc.edu/content/dam/refresh/Nursing/documents/admitted-students/graduate-students/clinical-requirements/12-2020/nurse-midwifery-msn.pdf>

9. Is there a minimum number of hours that I must obtain with each preceptor?

- No. However each preceptor that you will be with for eight hours or more must have all elements a VCF application on file to be entered eMedley.

10. Will I receive confirmation that Castle Branch/Critical Requirements have been received?

- No. Students are responsible to track and maintain Critical Requirements. Students can log into Castle Branch to view and update current submissions. Castle Branch will also send email reminders when items are due or if it is overdue/rejected

College of Nursing staff monitor critical requirement compliance and students must be compliant in order to attend clinical

11. Do I need a lab coat for clinical and badge? What other professional attire do I need?

- The college of nursing does not require use of a lab coat, only student UC ID card. However, please check with the clinical site for the proper clinical attire. Lab coats can be purchased at the College of Medicine Bookstore via

<https://www.bkstr.com/cincinnatiastore/search/keyword/labcoat>

12. How do I obtain the student badge?

- In order to obtain an UC Badge for Distance learning students, you need to provide the following:

1. A copy of your color photo (headshot with face and shoulders visible).
2. Copy of your Driver's license (for verification).
3. The mailing address to which the ID has to be send.
4. UC MNumber

For the color photo and copy of Driver's license, you could take a picture from your phone and email it to us if that is convenient. Sent information to: condlsw@UCMAIL.UC.EDU

It is the responsibility of the student to obtain their student badge prior to their first clinical rotation

13. If I will be rotating with more than one preceptor at the same facility do all preceptors complete the VCF application?

- Please refer to question # 9 above.

14. If I am having difficulty finding clinical placement who do I reach out to?

- Please contact your Clinical Site Coordinator

15. Does my preceptor have to be an CN or CNM?

- No. An NP or MD can also serve as a preceptor. Please note these exceptions on the Clinical Course Requirements via <https://nursing.uc.edu/content/dam/refresh/Nursing/documents/admitted-students/graduate-students/clinical-requirements/12-2020/nurse-midwifery-msn.pdf>