UNIVERSITY OF JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT: School of Nursing

Pre-Licensure ADN Clinical Practicum Master Schedule

TOTAL PRACTICUM: 540 Hours

Program: Pre-Licensure ADN	Clinical Semesters: Sem 2 – Sem 4	Shift Structure: 12-Hour Shift Rotations	Total Contact Hours: 540 Hours

1. Clinical Practicum Overview and Compliance Policies (ADN Program)

The Pre-Licensure Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) clinical curriculum comprises **540 total contact hours** of direct patient care, simulation lab practice, and preceptor-led clinical rotations across Semesters 2 through 4. All clinical rotations take place in accredited acute care hospital systems, medical-surgical units, psychiatric facilities, maternal-child centers, and long-term care facilities.

Clinical attendance is 100% mandatory. Shift hours, pre-conference briefings, bedside hand-off reports, post-conference case analyses, and EHR documentation strictly comply with Texas Board of Nursing regulations and University of Justice School of Nursing clinical standards.

2. Master Clinical Rotation Summary (540 Total Hours)

Course Code & Title	Semester	Clinical Setting / Facility Type	Weekly Schedule	Total Hours
RNSG 1413: Foundations Skills Lab	Sem 2 (Spring)	Campus High-Fidelity Sim Lab	2x / Week (4-Hr Labs)	60 Hours
RNSG 2360: Clinical Practicum I	Sem 3 (Fall)	Adult Medical-Surgical Units	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 11.25 Wks)	135 Hours
RNSG 1261: Clinical Practicum II	Sem 3 (Fall)	Behavioral & Psychiatric Units	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 3.75 Wks)	45 Hours
RNSG 2361: Clinical Practicum III	Sem 4 (Spring)	Complex Med-Surg & Maternal-Child	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 15 Wks)	180 Hours
RNSG 2438: NCLEX Capstone Practicum	Sem 4 (Spring)	Acute Care Hospital Immersion	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 10 Wks)	120 Hours
TOTAL ADN CLINICAL PRACTICUM HOURS				**540 Hours**

3. Detailed Semester-by-Semester Clinical Schedules (ADN Program)

SEMESTER 2: SPRING - FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING PRACTICE

Course: RNSG 1413: Foundations of Nursing Practice Skills Lab (60 Contact Hours)
Focuses on fundamental bedside skills, vital signs measurement, sterile field setup, infection control, physical assessment, and medication administration safety in a controlled simulation environment.

Weeks 1 – 4	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00**	Sim Lab 101: Basic Patient Hygiene, Bedmaking, Vital Signs, Ergonomics & Body Mechanics
Weeks 5 – 8	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00**	Sim Lab 102: Sterile Field Maintenance, Wound Dressing Changes, Foley Catheterization
Weeks 9 – 12	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00**	Sim Lab 103: Peripheral IV Insertion, Intravenous Fluid Management, Phlebotomy
Weeks 13 – 15	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00**	Sim Lab 104: Medication Administration (PO, IM, SC, IV Push) & Comprehensive Head-to-Toe Competency Exam

SEMESTER 3: FALL - ADULT HEALTH I & PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

Course: RNSG 2360 (135 Hours) & RNSG 1261 (45 Hours) — Total: 180 Clinical Hours
Combines 135 hours of adult medical-surgical care with 45 hours of acute behavioral health and psychiatric nursing clinicals.

RNSG 2360 (Weeks 1 – 15)	**Thursdays: 06:30 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	Adult Med-Surg Unit: Direct patient care, vital signs, telemetry, morning med pass, IV fluids, wound care, and EHR documentation.
RNSG 1261 (Weeks 1 – 7.5)	**Tuesdays: 07:00 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	Acute Inpatient Behavioral Unit: Mental status exam (MSE), group therapy observation, de-escalation protocols, and psychotropic med admin.

SEMESTER 4: SPRING - ADVANCED ADULT HEALTH, MATERNAL/PEDS & CAPSTONE

Course: RNSG 2361 (180 Hours) & RNSG 2438 Capstone Immersion (120 Hours) — Total: 300 Hours
Combines 180 hours of complex medical-surgical and maternal-child care with a 120-hour preceptor-led acute care transition immersion.

RNSG 2361 (Weeks 1 – 15)	**Fridays: 06:30 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	Complex Med-Surg & Maternal-Child Units: Post-op surgical care, blood transfusions, central line care, postpartum assessments, and newborn care.
RNSG 2438 Capstone (Weeks 6 – 15)	**Wednesdays: 06:30 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	Dedicated 1-on-1 Preceptor Immersion: Full RN workload management, multi-patient assignment delegation, shift handoffs, and order entry.

4. Standard 12-Hour Clinical Shift Daily Timeline

For all 12-hour acute care hospital clinical rotations (RNSG 2360, 1261, 2361, 2438), students adhere to the following daily clinical timeline:

Time Range	Clinical Phase	Required Student & Faculty Activities
06:30 – 06:45	**Pre-Conference & Briefing**	Clinical orientation, shift assignment review, patient assignment confirmation, uniform/ID badge check.
06:45 – 07:15	**Shift Change Hand-off Report**	Receive bedside shift report from off-going RNs (SBAR format), review EHR patient charts & lab results.
07:15 – 08:30	**Initial Patient Assessment**	Perform primary head-to-toe clinical assessment, measure vital signs, check safety equipment & IV lines.
08:30 – 09:30	**Morning Medication Pass**	Verify 6 Rights of Med Admin under RN preceptor supervision, administer morning oral/IV medications.
09:30 – 12:00	**Nursing Therapeutics & Care**	Perform wound care, Foley catheterization, IV changes, diagnostic testing prep, hygiene, and EHR charting.
12:00 – 12:30	**Meal Break (Staggered)**	30-minute meal break (coverage coordinated with clinical preceptor).
12:30 – 14:00	**Mid-Day Assessment & Meds**	Re-assess vital signs, evaluate therapeutic responses, administer afternoon medications, update EHR.
14:00 – 17:00	**Interdisciplinary Rounds & Care**	Participate in physician/interdisciplinary team rounds, patient education, discharge planning, and lab monitoring.
17:00 – 18:30	**Evening Med Pass & Charting**	Evening medication administration, final documentation of shift intake/output, flowsheets, and nursing notes.
18:30 – 18:45	**Bedside Hand-off Report**	Deliver bedside hand-off SBAR report to oncoming night shift RN staff alongside clinical preceptor.
18:45 – 19:00	**Post-Conference & Debrief**	Faculty-led post-conference reflection, clinical case analysis, dosage review, and clinical log submission.

5. Pre-Clinical Clearance & Compliance Checklist

Prior to beginning clinical rotations in Semester 2, all ADN students must maintain active clearance status in the following domains:

- **Texas Board of Nursing Background Check:** Unencumbered background check clearance and FBI fingerprinting verification.
- **10-Panel Drug Screening:** Negative drug screen result within 30 days prior to initial clinical placement.
- **AHA CPR/BLS Certification:** Active American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers card.
- **Immunization Passport:** Hepatitis B series (with quantitative titer proof of immunity), MMR (2 doses or positive titer), Varicella (2 doses or positive titer), Tdap (within 10 years), Annual Influenza vaccine, and Annual TB clearance (PPD skin test or QuantiFERON blood test).
- **Clinical EHR Training & Badging:** Completed hospital orientation modules, electronic health record (EHR) logins, and clinical facility photo ID badges.