UNIVERSITY OF JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT: School of Nursing

Pre-Licensure BSN Clinical Practicum Schedule (8-Hour Shifts)

TOTAL PRACTICUM: 840 Hours

Program: Pre-Licensure BSN	Clinical Semesters: Sem 4 – Sem 8	Shift Structure: 8-Hour Shift Rotations	Total Contact Hours: 840 Hours

1. Clinical Practicum Overview and Compliance Policies (8-Hour Model)

The Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) clinical curriculum comprises **840 total contact hours** of direct patient care, simulation lab practice, and preceptor-led immersion across Semesters 4 through 8[cite: 36, 37, 38, 39, 43, 44, 45, 48]. In this standardized **8-hour shift model**, students complete clinical days structured around 8-hour shift schedules across accredited hospital systems, ambulatory surgery centers, pediatric units, psychiatric facilities, and community health agencies.

Clinical attendance is 100% mandatory. Pre-conference orientation, bedside hand-off reports, clinical care delivery, post-conference debriefs, and EHR charting strictly comply with Texas Board of Nursing regulations and University of Justice School of Nursing clinical policies.

2. Master Clinical Rotation Summary (8-Hour Shift Model)

Course Code & Title	Semester	Clinical Setting / Facility Type	Weekly Schedule (8-Hr Shifts)	Total Hours
RNSG 1413: Foundations Skills Lab	Sem 4 (Sophomore Spring)	Campus High-Fidelity Sim Lab	2x / Week (4-Hr Labs x 7.5 Wks)	60 Hours
RNSG 2360: Clinical Practicum I	Sem 5 (Junior Fall)	Adult Medical-Surgical Units	2x / Week (8-Hr Shifts x 11.25 Wks)	180 Hours
RNSG 1261: Clinical Practicum II	Sem 5 (Junior Fall)	Behavioral & Psychiatric Units	2x / Week (8-Hr Shifts x 5.6 Wks)	90 Hours
RNSG 2361: Clinical Practicum III	Sem 6 (Junior Spring)	Complex Med-Surg & Step-Down	2x / Week (8-Hr Shifts x 11.25 Wks)	180 Hours
RNSG 2262: Clinical Practicum IV	Sem 6 (Junior Spring)	Labor & Delivery / NICU	2x / Week (8-Hr Shifts x 5.6 Wks)	90 Hours
RNSG 2362: Clinical Practicum V	Sem 7 (Senior Fall)	ICU / CCU / Emergency Dept	2x / Week (8-Hr Shifts x 11.25 Wks)	180 Hours
RNSG 2263: Clinical Practicum VI	Sem 7 (Senior Fall)	Public Health / Community Clinics	1x / Week (8-Hr Shift x 11.25 Wks)	90 Hours
RNSG 2463: Clinical Capstone Immersion	Sem 8 (Senior Spring)	Dedicated RN Specialty Preceptor	5x / Week (8-Hr Shifts x 3 Wks)	120 Hours
TOTAL BSN CLINICAL PRACTICUM HOURS				**840 Hours**

3. Detailed Semester-by-Semester Clinical Schedules (8-Hour Shifts)

SEMESTER 4: PRE-CLINICAL NURSING FOUNDATIONS (SOPHOMORE SPRING)

Course: RNSG 1413: Foundations of Nursing Practice Skills Lab (60 Contact Hours)[cite: 37, 43, 48]
Foundational bedside skills, vital signs measurement, sterile field setup, infection control, physical assessment, and medication safety in a simulation environment[cite: 38, 44, 49].

Weeks 1 – 2	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00 (4-Hr Labs)**	Sim Lab 101: Basic Patient Hygiene, Bedmaking, Vital Signs, Ergonomics & Body Mechanics
Weeks 3 – 4	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00 (4-Hr Labs)**	Sim Lab 102: Sterile Field Maintenance, Wound Dressing Changes, Foley Catheterization
Weeks 5 – 6	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00 (4-Hr Labs)**	Sim Lab 103: Peripheral IV Insertion, Intravenous Fluid Management, Phlebotomy
Weeks 7 – 7.5	**Tues / Thurs: 08:00 – 12:00 (4-Hr Labs)**	Sim Lab 104: Medication Administration (PO, IM, SC, IV Push) & Head-to-Toe Competency Exam

SEMESTER 5: JUNIOR FALL - MED-SURG I & PSYCHIATRIC CLINICALS

Course: RNSG 2360 (180 Hours) & RNSG 1261 (90 Hours) — Total: 270 Clinical Hours[cite: 38, 44, 49]
Combines 180 hours of general medical-surgical care with 90 hours of acute behavioral health and psychiatric nursing clinicals using 8-hour shifts[cite: 38, 44, 49].

RNSG 2360 (180 Hours)	**Tues & Thurs: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Adult Med-Surg Unit: Direct patient care, vital signs, telemetry, morning med pass, IV fluids, wound care, and EHR documentation.
RNSG 1261 (Block A - 45 Hrs)	**Mon & Wed: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Acute Inpatient Behavioral Unit: Mental status exam (MSE), group therapy observation, de-escalation protocols, and psychotropic med admin.
RNSG 1261 (Block B - 45 Hrs)	**Mon & Wed: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic & Crisis Center: Intake assessments, community resource planning, and substance use rehabilitation.

SEMESTER 6: JUNIOR SPRING - ADVANCED MED-SURG II & MATERNAL/NEWBORN

Course: RNSG 2361 (180 Hours) & RNSG 2262 (90 Hours) — Total: 270 Clinical Hours[cite: 38, 44, 49]
Complex adult medical-surgical care combined with labor & delivery, postpartum, and neonatal intensive care (NICU) rotations in 8-hour shifts[cite: 38, 44, 49].

RNSG 2361 (180 Hours)	**Tues & Thurs: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Complex Med-Surg & Telemetry Step-Down: Post-op surgical care, blood transfusions, central line care, IV piggybacks, and care coordination.
RNSG 2262 (Block A - 45 Hrs)	**Wed & Fri: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Labor & Delivery (L&D;) Suite: Fetal heart rate monitoring, labor support, delivery assistance, and immediate newborn resuscitation.
RNSG 2262 (Block B - 45 Hrs)	**Wed & Fri: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Postpartum & NICU: Mother-baby couplet care, newborn APGAR scoring, lactation support, and neonate stabilization.

SEMESTER 7: SENIOR FALL - CRITICAL CARE & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Course: RNSG 2362 (180 Hours) & RNSG 2263 (90 Hours) — Total: 270 Clinical Hours[cite: 38, 44, 49]
High-acuity critical care ICU/Emergency department rotations combined with public health community clinic placements[cite: 38, 44, 49].

RNSG 2362 (180 Hours)	**Tues & Thurs: 07:00 – 15:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	Intensive Care Unit (ICU) / Trauma ER: Invasive hemodynamic monitoring, arterial line management, ventilator care, and drip titration.
RNSG 2263 (90 Hours)	**Wednesdays: 08:00 – 16:30 (8.5-Hr Shift / 8 Contact Hrs)**	City Public Health Department & Mobile Clinics: Immunization drives, epidemiological contact tracing, health education, and home health assessments.

SEMESTER 8: SENIOR SPRING - CLINICAL CAPSTONE IMMERSION

Course: RNSG 2463: Clinical Nursing Capstone Practicum (120 Contact Hours)[cite: 39, 45, 50]
Final intensive preceptor-led immersion in a chosen clinical specialty (ICU, ER, OR, Med-Surg, Peds, or L&D;), following an 8-hour shift schedule[cite: 39, 45, 50].

Weeks 1 – 3 (120 Hours Total)	**Mon – Fri: 07:00 – 15:30 (5x / Wk, 8-Hr Shifts)**	Dedicated 1-on-1 Preceptor Immersion: Full RN workload management, multi-patient assignment delegation, shift handoffs, and rapid response calls.

4. Standard 8-Hour Clinical Day Shift Daily Timeline (Day Shift Example)

For all 8-hour hospital and clinical rotations (RNSG 2360, 2361, 2362, 2262, 1261, 2263, 2463), students follow the standard 8-hour clinical shift timeline below:

Time Range	Clinical Phase	Required Student & Faculty Activities
06:45 – 07:00	**Pre-Conference & Briefing**	Clinical orientation, shift assignment review, patient assignment confirmation, uniform & ID badge check.
07:00 – 07:30	**Shift Change Hand-off Report**	Receive bedside shift report from off-going night shift RNs (SBAR format), review EHR patient charts & lab values.
07:30 – 08:45	**Initial Patient Assessment**	Perform primary head-to-toe clinical assessment, measure vital signs, inspect IV lines & wound dressings.
08:45 – 09:45	**Morning Medication Pass**	Verify 6 Rights of Med Admin under RN preceptor supervision, administer morning oral, subcutaneous, and IV medications.
09:45 – 11:45	**Nursing Therapeutics & Care**	Perform wound care, catheterization, hygiene care, IV fluid management, lab prep, and initial EHR flowsheets.
11:45 – 12:15	**Meal Break (Staggered)**	30-minute meal break (coverage coordinated with clinical preceptor).
12:15 – 13:45	**Mid-Day Re-Assessment & Meds**	Re-assess vital signs, evaluate therapeutic medication responses, update intake/output flowsheets, and chart nursing notes.
13:45 – 14:30	**Interdisciplinary Rounds & Care**	Participate in physician/interdisciplinary team rounds, patient education, discharge prep, and shift documentation.
14:30 – 15:00	**Bedside Hand-off Report**	Deliver bedside hand-off SBAR report to oncoming afternoon shift RN staff alongside clinical preceptor.
15:00 – 15:30	**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 4, all 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.