UNIVERSITY OF JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT: School of Nursing

Pre-Licensure BSN Clinical Practicum Master Schedule

TOTAL PRACTICUM: 840 Hours

Program: Pre-Licensure BSN	Clinical Semesters: Sem 4 – Sem 8	Shift Structure: 12-Hr & 8-Hr Rotations	Total Contact Hours: 840 Hours

1. Clinical Practicum Overview and Compliance Policies

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]. All clinical rotations are conducted in accredited Level I trauma centers, acute care hospital systems, psychiatric facilities, maternal-child centers, and community health agencies.

Clinical attendance is 100% mandatory. Shift hours, debriefing sessions, pre-conference prep, post-conference case analyses, and EHR documentation requirements strictly adhere to Texas Board of Nursing regulations and University of Justice School of Nursing clinical policies.

2. Master Clinical Rotation Summary (840 Total Hours)

Course Code & Title	Semester	Clinical Setting / Facility Type	Weekly Schedule	Total Hours
RNSG 1413: Foundations Skills Lab	Sem 4 (Sophomore Spring)	Campus High-Fidelity Sim Lab	2x / Week (4-Hr Labs)	60 Hours
RNSG 2360: Clinical Practicum I	Sem 5 (Junior Fall)	Adult Medical-Surgical Units	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 15 Wks)	180 Hours
RNSG 1261: Clinical Practicum II	Sem 5 (Junior Fall)	Behavioral & Psychiatric Units	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 7.5 Wks)	90 Hours
RNSG 2361: Clinical Practicum III	Sem 6 (Junior Spring)	Complex Med-Surg & Step-Down	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 15 Wks)	180 Hours
RNSG 2262: Clinical Practicum IV	Sem 6 (Junior Spring)	Labor & Delivery / NICU	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 7.5 Wks)	90 Hours
RNSG 2362: Clinical Practicum V	Sem 7 (Senior Fall)	ICU / CCU / Emergency Dept	1x / Week (12-Hr Shift x 15 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	3x / Week (12-Hr Shifts x 3.5 Wks)	120 Hours
TOTAL BSN CLINICAL PRACTICUM HOURS				**840 Hours**

3. Detailed Semester-by-Semester Clinical Schedules

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

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

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

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

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 Block A)	**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.
RNSG 1261 (Weeks 8 – 15 Block B)	**Tuesdays: 07:00 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	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]
Combines 180 hours of complex adult medical-surgical care with 90 hours of labor & delivery, postpartum, and neonatal intensive care (NICU)[cite: 38, 44].

RNSG 2361 (Weeks 1 – 15)	**Fridays: 06:30 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	Complex Med-Surg & Telemetry Step-Down: Post-op surgical care, blood transfusions, central line care, IV piggyback meds, and care coordination.
RNSG 2262 (Weeks 1 – 7.5 Block A)	**Wednesdays: 06:45 – 19:15 (12-Hr Shift)**	Labor & Delivery (L&D;) Suite: Fetal heart rate monitoring, labor support, delivery assistance, and immediate newborn resuscitation.
RNSG 2262 (Weeks 8 – 15 Block B)	**Wednesdays: 06:45 – 19:15 (12-Hr Shift)**	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]
High-acuity critical care ICU/Emergency department rotations combined with public health community clinic placements[cite: 38, 44].

RNSG 2362 (Weeks 1 – 15)	**Thursdays: 06:30 – 19:00 (12-Hr Shift)**	Intensive Care Unit (ICU) / Trauma ER: Invasive hemodynamic monitoring, arterial line management, mechanical ventilator care, and vasoactive drip titration.
RNSG 2263 (Weeks 1 – 11.25)	**Tuesdays: 08:00 – 16:30 (8-Hr Shift)**	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]
Final intensive preceptor-led immersion in a chosen clinical specialty (ICU, ER, OR, Med-Surg, Peds, or L&D;), matching the assigned RN preceptor's full shift schedule[cite: 39, 45].

Weeks 1 – 3.5 (120 Hours Total)	**Flexible 12-Hr Shifts (3x / Week)**	Dedicated 1-on-1 Preceptor Immersion: Full RN workload management, multi-patient assignment delegation, shift handoffs, order entry, and rapid response call management.

4. Standard 12-Hour Clinical Shift Daily Timeline

For all 12-hour acute care hospital clinical rotations (RNSG 2360, 2361, 2362, 2262, 1261, 2463), 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 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.