

Step 3: Practicum Course with Clinical Options: Traditional vs Experiential Pathway

Traditional Pathway

A clinical rotation is required, and it may begin one week after successful completion of ALL elected didactic courses elected. There are three different clinical rotation options. A practicum course with corresponding clinical rotation option will be elected on the applicant's admission application form. Applicant must hold an active, unencumbered RN license in the state of clinical rotation prior to beginning clinicals.

- 1) **Full Hours Clinical Option - At Cleveland Clinic (N.E. Ohio)** – 40-hour clinical experience (per specialty course) at a Cleveland Clinic location in N.E. Ohio. Our clinical scheduling team will assign preceptors and will email your clinical schedule to you. Seating is limited and issued on a first-come, first served basis at the time of admission.

Clinical hours are scheduled Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., E.T. No clinical time is scheduled on Saturday or Sunday.

Travel, housing, transportation, parking and meals are the students' responsibility to make their own arrangements and pay for all expenditures.

- 2) **Full Hours Clinical Option - In Your Own State of Residence** – 40-hour clinical experience (per specialty course) to be completed in your own geographical area. You must select from approved preceptors and clinical sites from our program's clinical database. Contact us at WOCschool@ccf.org to acquire a list of approved preceptors and clinical sites in your state of residence. Refer to the notes section farther below.
- 3) **Split Hours Clinical Option either at Cleveland Clinic or in your State** – Options and information above apply. However, a minimum of 24 hours per specialty course are required at a clinical site PLUS 16 hours are completed through virtual online clinical coursework **per specialty**. This option is ideal for those students who are unable to complete all of the required clinical hours at a clinical site. Refer to the notes section below.

NOTES:

- **If your completing a non-Cleveland Clinic clinical rotation, and our program requires renewal of a student clinical affiliation agreement with your secured clinical site**, then it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure either your preceptor or the clinical site's nursing education team emails us at WOCschool@ccf.org their student clinical affiliation agreement template. The agreement template must be provided in an editable MS Word format and emailed to our program **before your admission period's Final Date to Complete Admission Requirements as outlined on the annual class schedule.**
- If the approved preceptor(s), on our approved list given to you, have either terminated their employment at your secured clinical site, or they are not available to precept you, then you may work with the clinical site's nursing education team to source and secure a new WOCN credentialed nurse / preceptor. In this event, the new preceptor must go through our program's accreditation review and approval process and obtain our program's approval to precept your clinical rotation. This approval must occur during your admission onboarding period. Please cut and paste our program's preceptor application packet below onto your prospective preceptor for immediate completion.

Preceptor Application: <https://forms.office.com/r/cFeRifXLhw> and the following list of required credentialing documents, within three business days, by scan/email to WOCschool@ccf.org.

- Copy of clinical stats form complete here at: [Clinical Stats Form](#)
- Copy of current CV or resume
- Copy of current WOCNCB certificate or ID card
- Documented evidence of demonstrated completion for at least one of the following: 1) a preceptor workshop, or 2) other structured learning program which includes principles of adult learning, critical teaching strategies, and clinical evaluation methodology, or 3) evidence of prior preceptor or clinical nursing educator experience.

Experiential Pathway

No clinical rotation requirement. Nursing C.E. contact hours are awarded for each successfully completed didactic course elected. If desired, and prior to admission, the applicant must determine if they meet the WOCNCB's "experiential pathway" requirements to apply and sit for certification credentialing exam(s) after successful completion of this program. Visit WOCNCB's website for more details before selecting this option and direct any credentialing questions to that organization.