

# **Nevada State Board of Nursing Practice Decision**

## **Faculty Supervision of Nursing Students in Clinical Rotations**

While participating in clinical rotations as part of the nursing education program, all student clinical experiences, including those with preceptors, shall be directed by nursing faculty. Public protection is of the utmost concern. Faculty must be readily available to address student and/or preceptor concerns and issues of safety.

### **Faculty Supervision without Preceptors**

The faculty student ratio may not exceed 1 to 8 unless the nursing program has requested and received an Executive Director waiver (NAC 632.670). The supervising faculty member must remain on site during the time students are involved in the clinical experiences. In the public health or community setting, the faculty must be readily available by telephone (landline or cellular) to respond to preceptor and/or student issues.

### **Supervision with the Use of Preceptors**

Each preceptor must have the appropriate knowledge and competence for the areas of instruction. The nursing program must:

1. Provide the preceptor an orientation concerning the roles and responsibilities of faculty and students.
2. Develop written objectives for each preceptor.
3. Limit preceptor instruction to not more than two students at any one time.
4. Require the preceptor to be at the clinical site when the students are participating in clinical experiences.
5. Require the supervising faculty to be available to the preceptor and/or student. Availability is defined as being readily available by telephone (landline or cellular) to respond to preceptor and/or students issues.
6. The need for physical availability will be defined in the contractual agreement.

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