WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

Course Number: MSN 7340

Course Title: Mentorship Practicum (Post-Master’s Certificate)

The course is offered in an independent study format with an integral online component which is designed to move the motivated student through the curriculum at an accelerated pace. Student learning is done via independent assignments requiring the use of the Internet and the Blackboard course management system.

Course Objectives:
With successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Obtain practical experience within their identified educational goals;
2. Write up the project or practicum in final paper; and
3. Present their project or practicum experience.

Topical Outline:

1. **Objective: Obtain practical experience within their identified educational goals**
   A. Collaborate with mentor or appropriate project resource personnel to establish a student-mentor relationship
   B. Strict adherence to the principle of confidentiality
   C. Independently arrange a defined schedule of practical experience to meet the requirements as outlined (60 hours in the clinical setting)
   D. Professional and organized approach to mentorship/project experience
   E. Review goals (which should be determine prior to initiating contact with mentor but based on individual interest), track progress toward those goals, and provide weekly updates to the Advisor
   F. Journaling is the basis for your Final Paper

2. **Objective: Write up the Capstone project or practicum as Final Paper**
   A. Access the online writing references provided via the Blackboard course website for enhancing writing skills
   B. Paper to follow the *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th) for writing format
   C. Intermittent evaluation of progress on project via student-instructor feedback through course Blackboard drop-box and student’s weekly progress report
   D. Follow content specified under Objective 3, A-N to provide expected inclusions regarding final paper
E. The paper will be a more formal submission of the student’s practicum or project. Appropriate length is determined by the individual’s experience and content, however should not exceed 18-25 pages.

3. **Objective: Present their project or practicum experience**

   A. The problem the student is addressing in their project or practicum
   B. The purpose of your project or practicum
   C. The significance
   D. The theoretical framework which guides your work
   E. Goals
   F. Objectives
   G. Review of Literature (APA style)
   H. Plan for project or practicum (include proposed dates for completion and how you plan to evaluate the project or practicum)
   I. Review of what you did and how it went (may be in form of a journal)
   J. Evaluation of your project or practicum
   K. Conclusion/Summary
   L. References (APA style)
   M. Reflection of your graduate school experience – include a review of courses you have completed and what they added (or didn’t add) to where you are now. Think about where you were when you started the program, where you are now, and where you are going! This may be done as part of weekly Discussion Boards on BlackBoard

4. **Objectives: Evidence critical thinking skills in meeting sessions/online discussion with advisor, written work, online assignments, and oral presentations.**

   A. Written work, oral presentations, goal progress and attainment reports, and discussions reflect thoughtful consideration of course concepts.
   B. Utilization of appropriate online and informational resources.
   C. *Optional* online exercises, activities and references resources will be posted in Blackboard for the student to enhance the learning experience.

**THE POST MASTER’S CERTIFICATE IN LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING IS GRADED PASS/FAIL.**

**Attendance Policy:**

**University attendance policy:** Regular/prompt practicum attendance is an essential part of the educational experience. Wilmington University expects students to exercise good judgment regarding attendance. Students must accept full responsibility for ensuring that work does not suffer from absences and that mentors are notified in advance of any inability to attend scheduled experiences. All students are expected to attend every scheduled meeting of mentorship experience each time. The mentor or project resource contact has reserved time on a voluntary
basis and deserve complete respect for this time reserved. Exceptions may be made for Wilmington University-sponsored or work-related activities, illness, or valid emergencies.

The individual mentor who has reserved time for the student in this course must be contacted prior to any scheduled mentoring dates regarding absences or lateness in all cases except valid emergencies. The advisor must approve all requests for exceptions to the University attendance policy.

Unless the instructor grants prior permission, students are not permitted to be absent more than five (5) experience hours from any course. Note that the instructor has the right to lower the final course grade for any time missed and to give a grade of Failure Due to Absence (FA) if a student misses more than five (5) experience hours. It is not the mentor’s responsibility to accommodate your availability; it is the student’s responsibility to accommodate the mentor’s availability. It is for this reason that absences for all but valid emergencies are highly discouraged.

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