

TIPS FOR APPROACHING CLINICAL SITES

When approaching a site in person be prepared and professional. You could prepare a packet with the course objectives, a list of appropriate sites, and preceptor criteria. All this information can be found on the [BSNU Clinical Experience Landing Page](#).

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Each student will have their own style, but here is some helpful information to keep in mind while approaching clinical sites.

The WHY

The WGU BSNU program is preparing me to become a primary care provider through required field experiences. These experiences allow me to apply what I have learned during my specialty courses in a real-world setting.



The WHAT

These experiences are precepted learning opportunities that will help me develop knowledge, skills, and abilities across the 4 spheres of care - Wellness/Disease Prevention, Regenerative/Restorative Care, Chronic Disease Management, and Palliative or Hospice Care.



The WHEN

I must complete the required amount of direct patient care clinical hours for my chosen course path.

- Non-PHN Path – E224 Global and Population Health will have 35 direct care hours.
- California PHN Path – L225 Professional Practice Experiences for the Health of Diverse Populations will have 90 direct care hours to allow for applying for the California Public Health Nurse certificate upon graduation.



The HOW

The program prepares graduates to distinguish between global, public, and population health for improved health outcomes. Identify social determinants of health (SDOH) and interventions for equitable healthcare improvements. The learner explains inter-professional interventions that alleviate suffering, improve quality of life, and empower patients and families who have received life-limiting diagnoses.



EMAILING SITES

When emailing clinical sites, emails should contain all the information above to give the site the most accurate information regarding what a student needs in a clinical experience.

The following page contains a sample email that students can use when doing outreach to a clinical site.

- If you choose to use the email, check the following:
 - Fill in the bracketed “[]” information.
 - Check that the font and formatting is professional.
 - Reread the email before sending for any spelling or grammatical mistakes.

SAMPLE EMAIL

Subject: Request for Clinical Preceptor Opportunity

Dear [PRECEPTOR OR SITE CONTACT NAME],

I hope you are doing well. My name is [YOUR FULL NAME], and I am a licensed Registered Nurse currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Western Governors University. I am reaching out to explore the possibility of completing my clinical field experience with your organization, [ORGANIZATION AND/OR DEPARTMENT].

As part of my program, I am required to complete [35 OR 90] clinical hours within [INSERT YOUR CLINICAL TERM OR TIME FRAME]. My clinical field experience can focus on one or more of the four spheres of care: **wellness/disease prevention, regenerative/restorative care, chronic care management, or hospice/palliative care**. My preceptor must have a BSN or higher and have a minimum of one year of experience in their current clinical area.

If your organization is open to this opportunity, I would submit your agency's name and contact information to my university's clinical placement department, who will then reach out to discuss the next steps.

I have attached my resume/CV for your review and have also included a **Course Description and Course Objective document** with more details. Additional information about WGU's clinical field experience can be found here: <https://www.wgu.edu/online-nursing-health-degrees/clinical-experience/bsnu.html>.

If you have any questions about the clinical hours, you may also contact the Course Instructor Team via email at [CHOOSE EMAIL E224 - E224PopHealth@wgu.edu OR L225 - L225PopPracticeExp@wgu.edu].

My deadline to confirm a site with my department's Placement Coordinator is **[FILL IN DATE]**, and my next deadline to finalize my work plan is **[FILL IN DATE 7-10 DAYS OUT]**. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further and look forward to hearing your thoughts on hosting me as a student.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

[YOUR FULL NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

[YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION]