Prior to submitting the Preceptor Information Sheet to the Graduate Nursing Program for preceptor approval, please contact Dr. Cheryl Hollema at: hollemac@wpunj.edu, NP Lead Coordinator, for advisement.

This program is preparing you for the Adult/Gerontology (AGNP) and/or Family (FNP) Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Role. This means that your practicum experiences must provide opportunities that will enable you to develop in one of these future roles.

It is important to remember when preparing your course schedule that NUR 6111 – Advanced Nursing I and NUR 6121 – Advanced Nursing II are pre and/or co-requisites to taking your practicum courses, (NUR 6130 – Advanced Nursing III and NUR 6210 – Advanced Health Assessment – FNP).

When choosing a practicum site for your clinical NUR 6041, 7011 & 7251; (7070, FNP); please consider the following as you proceed with your selection:

- **The Adult/Gerontology and/or Family Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Role** practicum experiences must provide opportunities for:
  1. Collecting patient histories and performing physical examinations on young adults, adults and older adults; (NUR 7070 – pediatrics and childbearing women).
  2. Identifying normal vs. abnormal findings in these populations.
  3. Recognizing and identifying common health problems of young adults, adults and older adults; (NUR 7070 – pediatrics and childbearing women); that can be of an acute, transient nature and chronic health problems.
  4. Developing and implementing management plans that include appropriate diagnostics and proposed treatment approaches.
  5. Prioritizing, organizing, managing and evaluating patient’s health care.

- Settings where young adults, adults and older adults, (NUR 7070 – pediatrics and childbearing women) receive health care are therefore an essential part of selecting a site. Your first site (NUR 6041) would ideally emphasize enough history and physical exams to establish confidence. Helpful settings might include Employee Health Services, Nursing Homes, or Occupational Health departments in businesses or institutions.

- As you progress into succeeding practicums, the expectation is that you will be increasingly involved in diagnosing, planning and managing patient care under the supervision of a preceptor (Nurse Practitioner or Physician). A minimum of at least one clinical practicum must be precepted by a Nurse Practitioner.

- Consider settings that offer guaranteed opportunities to practice with young adult, adult and older adult clients, (NUR 7070 – pediatric and childbearing women); and within that category, these patients/clients should be represented: male and female patients with common health problems (acute and chronic), female patients with female specific health issues (GYN/GU). Settings might include: Internal Medicine Offices, Outpatient Medical Clinics, etc.; (NUR 7070 – pediatrician offices/clinics, Obstetric offices/clinics, etc.).
Do Not Choose:

- A specialty focused practice, such as: hematology, oncology, surgery, respiratory health, etc. These practices do not provide the diversity of young adult, adult and older adult health problems required for certification.
- Please remember that this is a PRIMARY CARE Nurse Practitioner Program and sites such as Emergency Departments are not appropriate for practicums.

If you are submitting a proposed preceptor and site, be prepared to have the information outlined in the above statements, before proceeding with your approval request. Thank you for your cooperation.