



Clinical Site Information Family Nurse Practitioner

Clinical experiences provide students with the opportunity to develop practical skills and to learn on the job from successful professionals. The School of Nursing and Health Studies has arrangements with over 200 agencies to place students in a wide range of settings that will give them the hands-on experience they need to prepare for their careers.

Clinical experiences are collaboratively arranged with input from faculty, student, and preceptors. A new assignment each semester ensures that students acquire the necessary skills at each phase of learning.

In the first semester of the FNP program, students are often assigned to settings such as employee, student or senior citizen health centers, government or military clinics, or other group practices that offer opportunities for building skills in history taking, physical examination, and beginning diagnosis. Over the next three semesters, placements with nurse practitioners and physicians allow students to acquire experience in specific fields, such as geriatrics, orthopedics, mental health, pediatrics, family practice, dermatology, and women's health. Placements at area urgent care centers give students the challenge of meeting the needs of walk-in clients.

Because the NHS program and Georgetown University share a commitment to meeting the needs of the underserved, students often request and are placed with preceptors in clinics that serve the uninsured and the minority, black, and Latino

populations of the District of Columbia and the surrounding metropolitan area. Students may also travel to rural clinics in Alaska, Indian Health Service clinics, National Health Service Corps designated sites and placements on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. NHS students currently work in several DC sites that are part of the Unity Health Care Network, which delivers primary care to Medicaid managed care patients.

Other sites throughout the DC, Maryland and Virginia area include: Bread for the City, La Clinica del Pueblo, Spanish Catholic Center, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Pregnancy Aid Center and Mobile Medical Van in Montgomery County, MD. A majority of students complete a semester of experience in a managed care environment such as that provided by Kaiser Permanente sites in Virginia and Maryland. Additionally, Georgetown Medical Center clinics such as Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Comprehensive Youth and Adolescent Services are utilized.