The only required nursing course in the RN to BSN which includes a clinical component is Nursing 374 – Public Health Nursing Clinical. This course and its companion theory course (Nursing 324) are always offered in the summer term for RN students. Because of the additional requirements of a clinical course, it is necessary to limit enrollment to 30 spots each summer. Therefore, in order to establish appropriate clinical agency contracts and secure summer teaching faculty, students must notify the College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines by December 1 if they plan to enroll in Public Health the following summer and where they would like to do their clinical experience. Contracts with clinical agencies must be secured, and it may take several months for this to happen, so students are encouraged to identify a clinical agency well before taking the course. Students will not be allowed to register for the course until a clinical agency is identified and a contract with UND is in place. Students who enroll in but later withdraw from this course will have low priority for enrollment in the following summer.

Clinical placement preference is at local public health departments, but other sites may be appropriate and should be discussed with UND course faculty. The clinical experience will be set up with a facility as close to the student’s place of residence as possible, depending upon the specific board of nursing regulations in that state, and availability of clinical placement sites. The course requires 90 clinical hours, most of which must be completed between 9 am and 5 pm on Monday through Friday, over the course of the summer. Students need to plan their summer schedules accordingly. UND may not be able to accommodate clinical experiences in some states due to specific state board of nursing regulations. Clinical placements in the states of North Dakota and Minnesota do not need to be cleared with those Boards of Nursing. Applicants in other states should contact their State Board of Nursing requesting completion of the UND Public Health Clinical Approval Form. Once the form is received UND College of Nursing faculty will then identify an appropriate placement and make the necessary arrangements.

N 324 (Theory) Course Overview:

The focus on the health of the community requires students to understand population-based nursing practice. A variety of approaches to conducting a community assessment are discussed. Population-based nursing interventions, derived from evidence-based practice, are discussed in relation to all three levels of population-based practice: individual/family, community, and systems. Measures of population health are explored through epidemiological theories, concepts, and formulas. Current and future population health needs and priorities at the local, state, national, and global levels are identified, with special emphasis on vulnerable populations. This course is offered through distance delivery.

N 374 (Clinical) Course Overview:

A synthesis of nursing and public health concepts is applied in working with individuals, families, communities, and systems. Students conduct a community assessment and utilize an epidemiological approach in analyzing health problems at local, state, and national levels. Interventions are planned, implemented, and evaluated at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of prevention in relation to identified health problems. Roles assumed by population based nurses are studied and implemented through a variety of clinical experiences with public and private agencies. Opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration are provided through student involvement in care of individuals, families, communities, and systems. Professional accountability and leadership are stressed throughout this course.
UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICAL APPROVAL FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT PRIOR TO SENDING TO THE BOARD OF NURSING:

Name of student requesting form: _____________________________________________
Phone number where student may be reached during the day: _____________________
Student e-mail or address: ___________________________________________________

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF ________________

The University of North Dakota offers an online program for students who have a diploma or Associate Degree in nursing and are licensed as registered nurses in their respective state(s) to achieve a BSN degree. One of the requirements of our program is a Public Health course, which includes a clinical experience. In order to assure that any student we admit will be allowed to complete their public health clinical experience in an area close to their home, we ask that you answer the following questions.

1. Does your state allow out of state nursing programs to offer online courses with a clinical component which would occur within your state? ____________
2. Do you require onsite UND clinical faculty supervision or is an onsite agency preceptor acceptable? ________
3. If an onsite UND clinical faculty is required must they be licensed in your state?
   YES    NO    Not Applicable (not required)
4. Are there any other restrictions that we need to be aware of? ____________________________
5. Are there any other agencies that need to approve this request? ____________________________
6. Any additional comments: ___________________________________________________________

Printed Name of Board of Nursing official completing form: ___________________________
Signature of Board of Nursing official: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Please return the completed form to:

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