

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Position Description #10a**

Position Description: Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Practitioner Clinical Coordinators (Family/Individual and Psych/Mental Health)

Each clinical coordinator is nationally certified as a Nurse Practitioner, who maintains current licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) with prescriptive authority in Montana and has a minimum of two (2) years of clinical experience. The clinical coordinators are competent clinically, practice as an APRN, and hold faculty rank in the MSU College of Nursing (CON).

The main responsibility of the clinical coordinator is networking with professional colleagues to maintain a positive relationship with Montana health care practitioners and facilitating and coordinating clinical placements for incoming and continuing DNP students. The coordinator also:

- Supports and maintains high quality clinical education for DNP students and participates in continuous development and quality improvement of the DNP degree
- Attends CON Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) meetings (ex officio) and acts as a liaison between GAAC and the graduate-level clinical supervisors
- Maintains a positive presence in the health care arena in Montana, securing and coordinating clinical placement sites for incoming and continuing DNP students
- Facilitates the development of contracts with preceptors according to MSU established guidelines
- Facilitates out-of-state contracts and preceptor coverage for DNP students according to MSU and other state established guidelines
- Maintains a faculty practice and assists other faculty in developing faculty practice opportunities
- Utilizes the following standards and guidelines when considering issues (e.g. curriculum changes, teaching and clinical supervision assignment recommendations): National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) and The Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice (AACN, 2006).
- Participates as a public spokesperson promoting the DNP on behalf of MSU
- Facilitates annual recognition of preceptors and friends who assist with clinical education for DNP students
- Gathers and maintains files with the necessary faculty, preceptor, and clinical supervisor documents that are required for annual reports, grants, and accreditation
- Communicates regularly with the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, who has oversight responsibility for the graduate program in the CON, to coordinate projects and participate in decision making.
- Compiles all evaluations from preceptors, clinical supervisors and students for the clinical course work; discusses issues of concern regarding these evaluations and participates in problem solving with the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education.
- Works closely with the Graduate Program Assistant in a variety of roles.

- Acts as a resource for prospective students and, in general, maintains a role of recruiting and retaining quality DNP students.
- Participates in New Graduate Student Orientation to assure that new DNP students understand clinical rules, regulations, and expectations in the graduate program

Reviewed/Approved By:

Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: April, 2014

Dean: 2014