About the Informatics Nursing Practicum Program

The Informatics Nursing Practicum Program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center (CC) is administered by the Department of Clinical Research Informatics (DCRI). The practicum program has helped many graduate-level informatics nursing students complete practicums to fulfill their degree requirements. This program offers both virtual and in-person practicum experiences depending upon availability. Students will gain practical experience in clinical informatics, project management, system analysis, design, and implementation related to health information technology (HIT). When you are ready to apply, follow the instructions below.

Required Affiliation Agreements

We want you to have a great experience at the Clinical Center and will need your help to make sure you have what you need to start and end on time. Below is a list of schools that have active affiliation agreements with the NIH Clinical Center:

- Capella University
- Chamberlain University
- Duke University
- George Mason University
- Grand Canyon University
- University of Maryland
- University of Phoenix
- Vanderbilt University
- Walden University

If your school is not listed above, you should contact your school to coordinate initiation of a practicum/internship agreement as this must be established before we can consider your application.

Practicum/Internship Process

We invite you to apply at least 90 days before your desired start date due to varied processing times based on school requirements.

1. To apply:
    a. Complete and submit the Informatics Nursing Practicum Program Application Form
    b. Allow 2-4 weeks to receive a decision to interview.
2. If accepted, you will be matched with a preceptor, and you will receive an instructional email to complete online security training, third-party finger printing, and background check.

Questions? CC-DCRIStudentPracticum@mail.nih.gov