NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader Practicum Experience FAQ’s

Do I have to complete the NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader Practicum Experience to pass the course?
Yes, an indirect care practicum experience is required in NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader.

Why do I need to complete the NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader Practicum Experience if I am completing my BSN degree in an online setting?
The practicum experience provides students with opportunities to explore and integrate a professional identity in nursing leadership. The Accreditation Organization for Rasmussen’s College of Nurse BSN Program, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education states:
   Nursing is a practicum discipline; therefore, regardless of the mode of educational delivery, all students must have the opportunity to integrate new knowledge at the appropriate degree/certificate level into practicum

What must I complete before I enter the NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader Practicum Experience?
Select a Preceptor and Facility to complete the Practicum at least 30 days before the start of the term in which you are taking NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader.

Complete and submit these documents to Dr. Kari Luoma, BSN Program Director at least 30 days before the start of the term in which you are taking NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader.

- Preceptor Authorization Form with Preceptor Professional Bio or Resume included
- Field Experience Agreement

Can I begin the course if I don’t have the required documents signed and submitted?
No
What are the guidelines for selecting a Preceptor?
The preceptor will:

- Have expertise in the course content area
- At least two years of nursing experience
- At least a Bachelor’s of Science (BSN) degree in Nursing (Masters of Science in Nursing is preferred).

This is a voluntary position.

Who do I contact if I have questions before I begin NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nurse Leader?
All emails regarding the Nursing Leadership Clinical are sent to your Rasmussen student email.
Before the course begins direct all questions to Dr. Kari Luoma, BSN Program Director, Kari.luoma@rasmussen.edu

The Nursing Leadership Clinical in NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader includes an Indirect Care component, what does this mean?
The Accreditation Organization for Rasmussen’s College of Nurse BSN Program, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education states:

Indirect care refers to a nursing decision, actions, or interventions that are provided through or on behalf of patients. These decisions or interventions create the conditions under which nursing care of self-care may occur. Nurses might use administrative decisions, population or aggregate health planning, or policy development to affect health outcomes in this way.

Where can I participate in the NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nursing Leader Indirect Care component?

You will work with the Preceptor to design an experience to build your leadership and management skills. The Practicum Experience can take place in your place of employment or another facility of your choice.

Examples of appropriate indirect care may include:
- Educating other healthcare providers regarding the safe and effective use of new technology
- Writing policy and working with other stakeholders to have the policy approved by the state board of nursing
• Working with community leaders to develop a disaster/emergency preparedness plan for a specific population in a community
• Collaborating with the facility information technology staff to design an electronic health record
• Writing an administrative policy that will improve communication among the units in the facility
• Revising new graduate orientation based on feedback from staff and leadership

Will I have to implement a project in the NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nurse Leader Practicum Experience?

No. You will work closely with the course faculty and your preceptor to address elements of leadership and management. Reflection of your work along with the completion of your practicum hours are essential parts of this course.

What is the time commitment for the NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nurse Leader Practicum Experience?

This course contains an indirect care practicum experience of 45 hours. The first half of the course requires a minimum of 22 hours for your practicum experience. The second half of the course must include a minimum of 23 hours, indicating completion of the remaining required hours.

What must I complete to begin the Practicum once my site is approved, the Preceptor has signed the Authorization Form, and the BSN Program Director has cleared me to start?

1. Enter the course by completing and submitting the Learning Plan
2. Review the information in the Welcome area of the course.
3. Complete the Learning Plan to enter the course.
4. View the Video Instruction to review the six Core Clinical Objectives.
5. Enter the Practicum area of the course and complete the Practicum Plan to achieve the Core Clinical Objectives with your Preceptor. Faculty must approve the Practicum Plan before you being the Practicum Experience. Faculty have 48 hours to respond with feedback for your Practicum Plan
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**What must I submit to complete the Practicum Experience for NUR4590LL Professional Identity of the Nurse Leader?**

The required items to complete the course are located in two areas and include:

1. Practicum
   a. Practicum Plan
   b. Reflection 1 – Safe and Effective Care Environment
   c. Reflection 2 – Health Promotion and Maintenance
   d. Reflection 3 – Psychosocial Integrity
   e. Reflection 4 – Physiological Integrity
   f. Reflection 5 – Professional Development
   g. Reflection 6 – Quality and Safety Education for Nurses

2. Tracking Documents and Evaluations
   a. Practicum Tracking Document I
   b. Formative Evaluation
   c. Practicum tracking Document II
   d. Summative Evaluation
   e. Student Evaluation of Preceptor
   f. Preceptor Feedback of Student Performance
   g. CBE Clinical Student Evaluation of Facility Survey