

Nursing 9500

This course is the culmination of your clinical component here at Fitchburg State. Many students choose to utilize one of their prior clinical sites as their choice of clinical location for these hours, while others choose to do something that is completely new, but something that has meaning for them.

This is a great jumping-off place for many of our graduates, as they can sometimes show a clinical site the advantages of having a forensic nurse available to help them. Some of our graduates have created their job through one of these clinical placements.

While there is no hard stipulation where you have to choose to go for this experience, you should look at the syllabus for the class and make sure you can meet most of the clinical objectives that have been described. You can add some of your own too, as each site is unique and will have it's own unique character.

You should choose a site that provides something that interests you, as it is a lot of hours to put into a place that does not capture your interest and make you excited about using your forensic knowledge and increase your own knowledge base. You will have to journal about the site and your experiences as you try to meet your objectives, or what specific barriers prevent you from meeting them. You will also present a final PPT. All this information is contained in the syllabus.

Read the syllabus and think of the clinical site that you wish to use:
Do you think it is suitable to be able to accomplish what is described above?
If you have any questions about suitability, the faculty who is responsible for overseeing N9500 would be able to give you specific guidance.

N9500 Experiences from Past Students:

Massachusetts Nurses Association (worked on policy for safe staffing ratios)
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (various states and various assignments)
Child Protective Services Unit
Human Trafficking Unit
Battered Women's Shelter
At Risk Youth Program
Risk Management within hospital
School Nursing Program with Inner City Youth
Drug and Alcohol Counseling Program for Young Offenders
Attorneys (prosecution or defense)

The possibilities are endless. This is YOUR turn to choose what type of experience you want to have. I encourage you once again to do something YOU are interested in. It is a good opportunity for you, so use it to your advantage.