

# USI Undergraduate Nursing Clinicals

## Requirements and limitations

1. The preceptor on site must be a registered nurse (RN) with at least 6 months' experience and an unencumbered nursing license for the state where the facility is located.
2. The RN must be present during the entire 8-hour time that they are there.
3. Clinical experiences are available in the first 8 weeks of the fall semester, the second 8 weeks of the fall semester, and the first 8 weeks of the spring semester. The exact dates for the next 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 academic years are listed below.
  - a. Fall II 2025 – October 20 – December 8
  - b. Spring I 2026 – January 12 – March 2
  - c. Fall I 2026 – August 17 – October 5
  - d. Fall II 2026 – October 19 – December 7
  - e. Spring I 2027 – January 11 – March 1
4. USI Nursing utilizes CastleBranch, which is a platform used by educational institutions, particularly in healthcare and related fields, to manage student compliance requirements, including background checks, drug testing, and immunization tracking. It provides a secure online system for students to order these verifications, upload documentation, and track their progress. The system also allows institutions to manage and track student compliance, ensuring they meet necessary clinical requirements. We need participating nursing homes to be able to work with the CastleBranch system.
5. The nursing home must commit to hosting 6-10 students, and the RN must be available while they are at the facility.
6. Nursing students at USI only do clinicals Wednesday through Friday.
7. Each student will spend one day per week for 8 hours per day at the clinical site. The clinical experiences are 8 weeks long.
8. The clinical site must be within 70 miles of USI.
9. If you are outside of this region, but are still interested in hosting clinical nursing students, please reach out to Gracie Money ([gamoney@usi.edu](mailto:gamoney@usi.edu)), and she will connect you with your local Area Health Education Center (AHEC) and see if they can arrange this with local universities.

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