



**Statement of Purpose, Required work experience
Undergraduate Program, UNC-CH School of Nursing**

The summer work experience occurs midway in the program as a component of the NURS 487 Practicum in Nursing: Nursing Assistant Work Experience course. The experience requires a minimum of 84 work hours in a health care delivery setting. The purpose of the experience is to provide the student with clinical opportunities to:

1. reinforce content and skills introduced in the junior level;
2. gain experience in therapeutic relationships with clients;
3. experience the health care delivery work environment through realistic practice, including the application and termination processes requisite to employment;
4. develop the organizational skills necessary to provide care to a cluster of assigned clients;
5. participate as a health care team member;
6. observe client care management opportunities to support course assignments in N487;
7. prepare the student for more advanced study.

The student will be registered with the Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Service (NACES) as an NA I and with the State of NC Board of Nursing as a Nurse Aide II and may be employed at either level as appropriate. In order to make the work experience a valuable one, and given the classification as an aide, the student should be supervised and mentored by experienced nursing role models.

The work experience may occur in a variety of health care settings. Settings for practice can include, but are not limited to:

1. acute care
2. community health, home health and ambulatory care
3. public health outreach missions
4. wellness and health promotion sites
5. skilled nursing facilities

Students have the primary responsibility for seeking employment and pursuing the application process. Assistance will be provided by the Director of the Undergraduate Program to coordinate the application/assignment process with cooperating local agencies.

Evaluation of performance in the work setting will be by the employing agency, and this information will not be shared with the SON. Documentation of the satisfactory completion of the work experience must be provided by the employing agency to the SON.

All work experiences must be approved by the Director of the Undergraduate Program, which will facilitate the experience for students as needed, coordinate with N487 course faculty, monitor satisfactory student completion of the work experience and evaluate the program annually.