Dear Physician or APN Health Care Provider,

Rutgers School of Nursing appreciates your interest in serving as a clinical preceptor for a graduate student in the Adult Gerontology Primary Care I (AGPCI) course. This course is their first clinical rotation towards their Advanced Practice Degree. Our program would not be possible without clinical preceptors willing to teach and mentor students in the role of a Nurse Practitioner. The student who has approached you requesting a clinical placement must complete 135 hours of clinical experience to complete the course. This translates into approximately 9 hours per week for 15 weeks at your clinical site.

Students in this course are expected to provide health care for adult and geriatric patients with preceptor supervision. Students need to gain experience gathering a medical history, completing a physical exam and deciding on a diagnosis and plan of care (including counseling, teaching, and prescriptions) for a variety of health care problems. All students have completed an advanced health assessment course. Students need guidance and direction in designing best practice approach to the evaluation and management of a patient’s primary care complaint. By the end of this term, the student should be proficient as indicated on the evaluation.

Class content this semester includes review of aging theory, health promotion, and the evaluation and management of eye, ear, nose, oropharynx, pulmonary, cardiovascular, hematologic, endocrine and metabolic disorders.

The clinical preceptor should be available for supervision and consultation at all times. As students become more adept in the clinical setting, they should be able to demonstrate increased independence in patient care. A Clinical Instructor from Rutgers has been assigned to the student and will visit the student at your site twice during the semester to assess the student’s abilities and to discuss your evaluation of the student’s performance. Additionally, you will be asked to complete a clinical evaluation form at mid-term and end of the semester. We appreciate purposeful feedback with constructive comments that will help us guide these students as they move towards proficiency.

I hope that you will consider precepting a Nurse Practitioner student in your practice. Most find it a rewarding experience. If you have any questions about the program or expectations of a preceptor, please feel free to contact either of the didactic faculty listed below.

Sincerely,

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