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Dear Preceptor,

The graduate nursing faculty extends a sincere "Thank You" for agreeing to precept a student in the Master's in Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Track at Georgia Southern University. The student is enrolled in NURS 7730 FNP Capstone. This is the last course prior to graduation. This course offers the family nurse practitioner student the opportunity to function under the direction of a preceptor for a minimum of 90 clinical hours seeing patients to provide total care.

The students have been directed to select a preceptor who is willing to facilitate their learning and who will allow direct care that will assist them to pull all aspects of their learning together as they obtain the confidence and competence in the role and anticipate to employment in a few short months. The preceptor can be a physician, a certified nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant. The majority of this time is to be spent providing care to patients with acute or chronic conditions. The student may spend up to 24 hours in combined specialty areas to complete the learning experiences. In order to facilitate student learning experiences the course objectives are attached on the Preceptor Information Sheet.

During the clinical experience the student is expected to individually see patients and then present the assessment findings, differential diagnoses considered, diagnosis and appropriate management strategies to you. The student is expected to succinctly present each case. As preceptor you will need to evaluate the appropriateness of the data presented and the conclusions drawn. Please provide feedback to the student regarding any additional data needed for accuracy of the diagnosis and management of the problem. Please let the student know when they are doing well and where improvement is needed.

Please sign the **Clinical Preceptor Agreement Form (CPAF)** and return it to the student. The student is to return this form to faculty by the specified date. The faculty must then ascertain that Georgia Southern has a current Memorandum of Understanding with the practice site and must verify your professional license per Board of Nursing regulations before approving the student to begin clinical hours. Please provide your license number so that we may verify it on the Secretary of State's Web Site. The completed CPA form will be kept on file in the MSN Office at the School of Nursing.

Your input as a preceptor is highly valued and evaluation of student learning is essential, therefore, we request that you complete an evaluation form. Please use the **Preceptor Evaluation Form (PEF)** to evaluate and communicate the student's progress while s/he was with you. Please return the completed PEF to the student who will hand deliver it to the faculty by the specified date. We encourage you to share your evaluation with the student to promote successful growth and progress.

It is essential for student success that preceptors provide and share their expertise. We commend you for your willingness to offer this collaboration. A thank you letter at the end of the course will provide verification of your participation as a clinical preceptor for use toward certification requirements. If you have any questions regarding your participation as a preceptor please call the Graduate Program Office at 912-478-0017. Specific faculty contact information will be provided by the student to you once the course has begun. You are encouraged to contact the course faculty at any time.

With Much Appreciation,

The Graduate Program Nurse Practitioner Faculty