SON OP 30.420 – Accelerated BSN Clinical Coaches/Preceptors Policy

PURPOSE
The purpose of the School of Nursing Accelerated BSN Clinical Coaches/Preceptors Operating Policy and Procedure (SON OP) is to provide the Accelerated BSN student with one-on-one mentored learning experiences in the hospital setting. Clinical experiences follow objectives congruent with BSN education and the associated course material developed by the Accelerated BSN course faculty. Individuals employed to assume the role of Clinical Coach for the Accelerated BSN Program should demonstrate excellence in their professional role and clinical skill.

REVIEW
The OP will be reviewed biennially by September 1 of each even numbered year (ENY) by the applicable Associate Dean/Department Chair, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

POLICY/PROCEDURE
Clinical Site Coordinators are responsible for identifying potential clinical coaches/preceptors in collaboration with the agency administrators (such as nurse managers) and ensuring an affiliation agreement is in place with the clinical agency. Individuals who serve as Clinical Coaches for the Accelerated BSN Program must meet the following criteria:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing preferred
- Current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Texas
- Two (2) years experience as a registered nurse; exceptions can be made only with approval of the Accelerated BSN Program Director
- Completed application packet and agreement must be signed and returned to the School of Nursing.

Upon completion of the application packet, RN licensure will be verified by the School of Nursing via the BON website. All clinical coaches will receive orientation to the Accelerated BSN Program curriculum and responsibilities in the clinical setting with their student. The TTUHSC Accelerated BSN Program Regional Site Coordinator will oversee the Coach’s and student’s progress in the hospital setting assuring compliance with TTUHSC policy and procedure.