SON OP 30.760 - Faculty/Student Ratio in Clinical Areas Policy

PURPOSE
The purpose of the School of Nursing Faculty/Student Ratio in Clinical Areas Operating Policy and Procedure (SON OP) is to provide for appropriate supervision for safe practice and sufficient teacher/learner interaction to promote learning in the practice setting.

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
The faculty/student ratio in clinical areas in the acute care setting is not expected to exceed 1:10. In certain cases, such as when assigned clinical areas are not contiguous, the number of students is reduced to assure that appropriate teaching/learning activity is possible. If a nursing education associate is assigned to the faculty, the ratio should not exceed 2:15. If the clinical experience involves the sole use of preceptorships, the ratio should not exceed 1:24. When the preceptors are used for a portion of the course, then the ratio is 1:12. Direct faculty supervision is not required for an observation experience.