Externships and Clinical Experiences

In particular phases of study, some programs include an externship or clinical experience. The following guidelines are general; some programs have additional or different policies that are detailed in the individual school sections and supersede those listed below.

Although you are supervised by professionals at your externship or clinical site, you must continue to maintain contact with your program's Externship Coordinator on a regular basis.

In order to be eligible for an externship or clinical, you must meet the following academic requirements prior to starting the externship or clinical:

1. You must pass all required prerequisite courses, as indicated in this Catalog.
2. You may not have a grade of “F” for any major course, unless your academic record reflects that the course has been satisfactorily repeated.
3. You may not have an incomplete grade (“I”) for any major course.
4. You must have a 2.0 GPA for externships graded as pass/fail.

During the externship or clinical training, you are expected to perform in an ethical, safe, and professional manner, and to assist in all matters appropriate to the scope of practice. Failure to do so may result in course failure and dismissal from the program.

For many programs, externship and clinical hours are scheduled during the day and are typically Monday through Friday. Therefore, if you take night classes, you may need to complete externship and clinical hours during the day (please note that it may not be possible to locate a site that can provide externship or clinical hours at night, and you should take this into account when selecting a program). You should contact your program's Externship Coordinator for specific information on site availability and times. You may arrange the days or times of externship or clinical training only with written permission from Purdue Global. If you are absent from the externship or clinical training, you must inform both the site and the University.

All externship and clinical sites are carefully selected based on an evaluation of site personnel, facilities, geographic location, availability, and type of learning experience provided.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate, you must:

1. Successfully complete 100 percent of the required courses for your program of study and obtain the minimum cumulative GPA required within the maximum time frame permitted (see the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/academic-standards/satisfactory-progress/) section for further information).
2. Attend Career Services and Financial Aid exit interviews, if applicable.

Some programs may have additional requirements that must be met. If a program has additional graduation requirements, these can be found in the individual school sections.

Students who meet all graduation requirements will be considered graduates of the University. However, the diploma and transcript will be withheld until the financial obligations are satisfied.