

What is the difference between my Faculty Adviser and my Clinical Mentor?

Faculty Adviser: A doctorally prepared individual on faculty at the College of Nursing. This person will be responsible for guiding your methods, your questions, shaping your scholarly paper.

	Faculty Adviser	Clinical Mentor
Location	CON	Agency
Desired Qualities	Specialty Practice Knowledge Academic Assessment Quality Improvement or Program Evaluation Knowledge	Leadership within agency Quality Improvement or Program Evaluation Knowledge
Suggestions	Prior Instructors Specialty Directors Faculty with similar practice interests or research interests	Quality Improvement Staff or Leadership Nurse Managers or Executives Medical Directors
Responsibilities	Assist with scholarly paper, developing AIMs, approving proposal, Monitoring data collection and success, creating and delivering final presentation.	Team meetings, assisting with change process, navigating the system
Products	Grade Paper sections at the end of each semester	Clinical Mentor Evaluation at the end of each semester

Clinical Mentor: An individual at your clinical agency that assists you on the clinical side. This person will be responsible for guiding your process on the clinical side. This person may have some "clout" to assist with teamwork, leadership, data processes, and change in the organization.

Should these individuals communicate? If possible. They will often touch base during the proposal presentation process or if there are issues with the implementation of the project. Their communication is not a requirement.