

Welcome to the Connecticut Department of Correction

Congratulations for being selected for your clinical placement in the CT Department of Correction (DOC). We have many exciting things in place already. Clinical DOC placements may be at one of the following facilities: Corrigan Correctional Institute (which is also called Corrigan/Radgowski), York Correctional Institute, Osborn Correctional Institute (may also include rotations to Carl Robinson CI and Willard Cybuski CI), and Manson Youth Correctional Institute. **Please continue to check your uconn.edu email frequently and review all materials on the UConn SON website.**

Clinical experiences during the semesters include:

**Junior Fall semester** – Two days per week – One day/evening in a DOC site and one day/evening in another community/inpatient site. DOC assignments will be made with final assignments sent in August. You will also have lab on another day, so you need to save all three days to be available for nursing clinical and lab. You will have nursing classes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Junior Spring semester/Senior Fall semester** – Two days per week – One days/evenings per week in a DOC site (for Psy.) and one day/evening in another site (for Med-Surg). DOC assignments will be made with final assignments sent to you in January. You will have nursing classes on Tuesdays/Thursdays.

**CEIN Summer semester**

Two/Three days per week – One day/evening in a DOC site and one - two das/evenings in another community site. DOC assignments will be made with final assignments sent in June. You will have nursing classes dependent on your campus.

Juniors in the Fall – For the first week of school, you need to be available ALL days this week. Your orientations to your clinical sites will be this week, along with your Junior Transitions ceremony. This will start early in the morning. You will arrive dressed in your full SON uniform. It is really an exciting day! You will meet with your clinical instructors this day too.

Juniors, Seniors, and CEIN students – The first week of clinical you will begin with a mandatory orientation to the DOC. You **MUST** attend this orientation in order to proceed to clinical. Someone from DOC will be giving this orientation and it is really your first introduction to the DOC. All your questions will be answered. Remember, **YOUR SAFETY** is our **FIRST** priority! To prepare for this orientation you need to do a few things:

**Review our SON DOC Website.**

Go to UConn SON webpage. Follow the links: Research; Center for Correctional Health Networks (CCHNet); Education, Degree Programs; Clinical Opportunities. Please read all you can under the student section. **You MUST Review and understand the VIP handbook.** Then, you will need to complete all 3 Forms including: the VIP form (all 3pages), the HIPAA and Confidentiality forms (I only need the last page signed). Please return the forms to my office in Storrs Hall. You may slide them under my door if I am not there.

I will be sending you emails, to your uconn.edu email address, as the time gets closer to clinical. I will also send you directions to an **“Orientation to Corrections”** power point which will be

very helpful for you. Save this on your computer. Review this as a slide show and follow the links. This is very important and will familiarize you with the DOC.

Enjoy your summer/winter break! Rest, relax, and rejuvenate yourself! I look forward to this clinical experience with you. I am certain it will be very beneficial for you in so many ways... Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I am excited to meet with you very soon.

Sincerely,

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