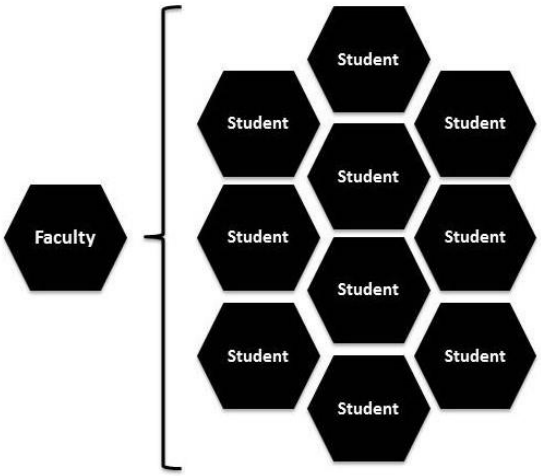
Texas Board of Nursing
Models for Faculty Supervision of Nursing Students in the Clinical Area
Faculty-to-Student Ratios

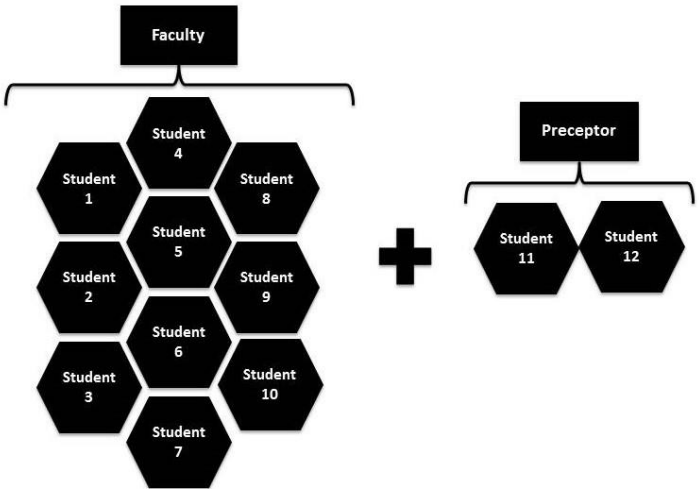
Note: None of the models is clinical setting-specific. They apply when students are providing hands-on care. Preceptors are nurses employed by the clinical facility and clinical teaching assistants (CTA) are baccalaureate prepared nursing faculty employed by the education program. Faculty are not required to be in the same facility when preceptors are used, but must be readily available. Faculty must be in the same facility when CTAs are used.

Model 1:
Basic faculty-to-student ratio in clinical settings with students providing direct patient care with faculty physically present:



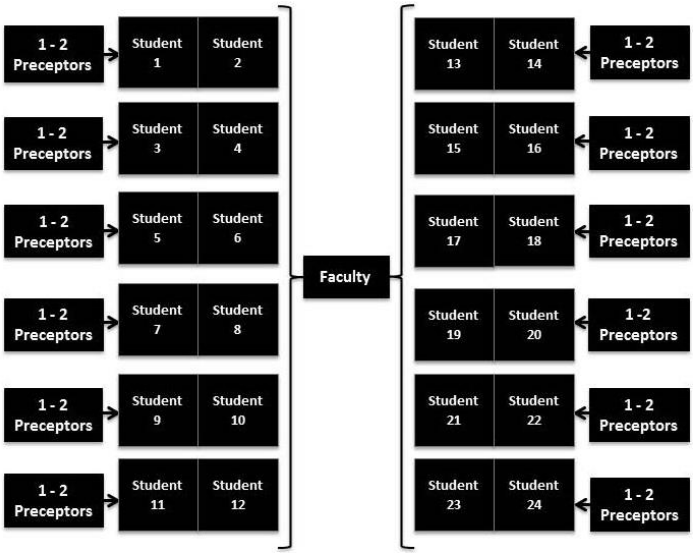
1 Faculty : 10 Students

Model 2:
Ratio expansion where clinical preceptors are used for a portion of a clinical course:



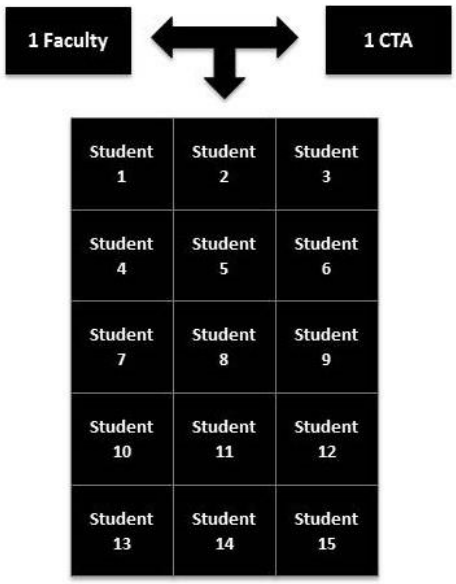
1 Faculty : 12 Students* : 1 Preceptor(s)
**10 students with faculty & 2 students with preceptor(s)*

Model 3:
Ratio expansion where clinical preceptors are the sole method of clinical course supervision:



1 Faculty : 24 Students*: 12-24 Preceptors
** 1-2 students assigned per preceptor*

Model 4:
Ratio expansion where Clinical Teaching Assistants (CTAs) are employed by program (RN programs only):



1 Faculty : 15 Students: 1 CTA*
**nursing faculty and CTA in same setting*