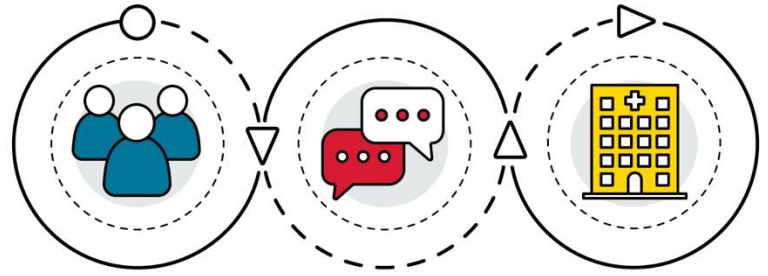


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## Understanding the Difference: Traditional vs. ACE Clinical Groups

TRADITIONAL CLINICAL GROUPS	ACE CLINICAL GROUPS
Students are in varying semester of their nursing education	Students are in their second semester of nursing school; first semester students may join UMSON cohorts midsemester
Cohorts may have up to 8 students per group	ACE Cohorts have four students each; two additional students may join UMSON cohorts midsemester
Clinical is scheduled for 6-8 hours	Clinical is scheduled for a full 12.5 hour shift
Clinical Instructor may or may not be an UMMS nurse	ACE Clinical instructor is a nurse on the unit (or from another unit in the hospital)
Clinical Instructor is not in the staffing numbers	Clinical Instructor is in the staffing numbers and their cohort is integrated into the healthcare team
Cohort performs specific tasks on multiple patients	Cohort provides patient care for a full patient assignment; first assessment completed by clinical instructor, cohort completes remaining patient care and conducts handoff as appropriate
Students partner with nurse but nurse is ultimately responsible for all tasks completed	Cohort partners with nurse and has shared ownership of patient care delivery