

Course Descriptions for Family Nurse Practitioner Track

NURS 520 Advanced Practice Care of the Pediatric Client (2)

Preparation of the advanced practice nurse to provide care to infants, children and adolescents. Includes common developmental, behavioral, acute and chronic illness and health promotion and maintenance. Includes specific pediatric primary, secondary and tertiary prevention with etiology of condition or disease, differential diagnosis and clinical management.

NURS 526 Advanced Practice Care of Women in the Childbearing Years (1)

Preparation of the family nurse practitioner to provide care to women in the childbearing years. Overview of theory and research on the assessment and management of women to include concepts of gynecology, family planning, pregnancy and postpartum care, and menopause. Emphasis on health promotion of women throughout the lifespan.

NURS 530 Advanced Practice Nursing (2)

Introduces competencies and other foundational components of advanced practice nursing for the Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner. topics include history, roles, options and choices associated with professional practice and career development. The role of technology, leadership, evidence-based decision making, change and collaboration and outcomes evaluation are explored.

NURS 532A Advanced Practice Management of Clients and Families Across the Life Span I (3)

Advanced study of the management of patients with common acute/chronic illnesses and health and developmental problems by advanced practice nurses in a variety of health care settings. The advanced practice nurse assumes responsibility and accountability for health promotion, assessment, diagnosis and management of acute/chronic illness and client problems including prescription of pharmacological agents within a specialty area of clinical practice. Emphasis on developing sound clinical decision making and diagnostic reasoning skills is included. The APN uses theory, research and best practices to manage the care of individuals, families and populations, and works to provide quality, cost-effective care. *Enrollment requirement: NURS 533A, D or E must be taken concurrently.*

NURS 533D Advanced Field Study: Management of Clients and Families Across the Life Span I (3)

This clinical practicum allows for the immersion into the FNP role of the advanced practice nurse in the acute care setting. Using foundations of theory, research and other evidence, students will manage common acute illnesses in individuals throughout the lifespan in a variety of clinical sites. Continuation of the application of primary prevention strategies and health maintenance will be incorporated into care. Students will be mentored by advanced practice nurse practitioners in activities expected of the role. The minimum requirement for this practicum is 135 hours. *Enrollment Requirement: NURS 532A must be taken concurrently.*

NURS 534A Advanced Practice Management of Clients and Families Across the Life Span II (2)

Advanced study of the management of clients/families with acute/acute/chronic illnesses and health problems by advanced practice nurses in a variety of health care settings. The advanced practice nurse assumes responsibility and accountability for health promotion, assessment, diagnosis and management of acute/chronic illness and client problems including prescription of pharmacological agents within a specialty area of clinical practice. Emphasis on developing sound clinical decision making and diagnostic

reasoning skills is included. The APN uses theory, research and best practices to manage the care of individuals, families and populations, and works to provide quality, cost-effective care. *Enrollment requirement: N535A, D or E must be taken concurrently.*

NURS 535 D Advanced Field Study: Management of Clients and Families Across the Life Span II (3)

This clinical practicum allows for the immersion into the FNP role of the advanced practice nurse in the community setting. Using foundations of theory, research and other evidence, students will manage chronic illness in individuals throughout the lifespan in a variety of sites in the community. Concepts of primary, secondary and tertiary care will be incorporated into plans of care. Students will be mentored by advanced practice nurse practitioners in activities expected of the role. Minimum of 135 clinical hours required. *Enrollment Requirement: NURS 534A must be taken concurrently.*

NURS 536 Chronic Illness Concepts (3)

Exploration of chronic illness concepts and trajectories of common disease states including heart failure, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases and cancer. Theories and research related to chronic illness concepts is presented, including the classic work of Corbin and Strauss. Students will examine the social, psychological, economic and quality of life issues surrounding chronic illness that impact clients, caregivers, families and communities.

NURS 539 Advanced Practice Externship (3)

Designed for the Advanced Practice Nurse to work in a clinical setting and enhance advanced clinical practice under the supervision of an advanced practice nurse or other qualified behavioral health care professional as a role model. Advanced assessment skills and advanced nursing practice will be performed. Students in this cohort will complete 175 clinical hours. Prerequisites: NURS 510 and advancement to candidacy.

NURS 540 Advanced Concepts of Health Across the Life Span for the Advanced Practice Nurse (2)

Examination of advanced and complex physical, psycho-social, spiritual, and developmental changes of pediatrics through older adults from various cultural/ethnic groups. Bioethical, cultural and socio-economic issues are also examined. Clinical phenomenon from case studies are analyzed for their affect on patients of various ages.

NURS 560 Advanced Concepts of Gerontology Nursing Care (3)

Focuses on the aging population including theories and research on aging, ethnicity, adjustments and common aging changes. Strategies to promote wellness and self-care are discussed. Pathologies common to the elderly and nursing interventions are examined. Gerontological care issues are explored. Admission restricted to students enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing Program.

NURS 598A (1), B (2), C (3) Directed Graduate Project

Refinement of a project proposal and completion of graduate project. Ideas for projects include the design, implementation and evaluation of an evidence-based innovation, completion of a grant proposal or evaluation of a product or procedure. Other ideas may be presented to the faculty for approval. Students may take 1, 2, or 3 project units at a time. *May be repeated for a total of three (3) units.*

Prerequisites: NURS 510 and advancement to candidacy.

NURS 599A (1), B (2), C (3) Graduate Thesis

Refinement of a proposal and completion of a graduate thesis using either quantitative or qualitative research methods. Students may take 1, 2 or 3 thesis units at a time. *May be repeated for a total of three (3) units. Prerequisites: NURS 510 and advancement to candidacy.*