

Course Descriptions for Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Track

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 532B Advanced Practice Management of Mental Health Clients and Families Across the Lifespan I (3)

Advanced study of the management of chronically ill patients with complex mental health needs and psychiatric disorders by advanced practice nurses in a variety of acute care settings. Health promotion, assessment, diagnosis and management of client problems including prescription of pharmacological agents within a specialty area of clinical practice are examined. Emphasis on developing sound clinical decision making and diagnostic reasoning skills is included. Theory, research and best evidenced based practices are identified in the care of individuals, families and populations with the multidisciplinary team to provide quality, cost-effective care. *Enrollment Requirement: NURS 533B and 533C must be taken concurrently.*

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

The clinical practicum allows for the immersion of the Psychiatric Family Nurse Practitioner in the role of the advanced practice nurse in the acute care setting. Using foundations of theory, research, and other evidence based practice principles students will address the complex needs of individuals with psychiatric disorders in acute care settings. Students will be mentored by an experienced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in the activities expected in the role. The minimum requirement for this practicum is 125 hours. *Prerequisites: NURS 500, 502, 503, 504, 506, 508, 510, 580, 582, 584 and advancement to candidacy. Corequisites: NURS 532B and NURS 536.*

NURS 534B Advanced Practice Management of Mental Health Clients and Families Across the Lifespan II (2)

This course is the advanced study of the management of clients with complex mental health needs by Advanced practice nurses in primary and specialty clinics, schools, faith communities and public health, home health and hospice agencies The role of the APN in health promotion, assessment, diagnosis, and management of client problems including the prescription of pharmacological agents in the community/home setting will be examined. The emphasis will be on the development of sound clinical decision making and diagnostic reasoning skills. Theory, research and best practices for the care of individuals, families and aggregates across the lifespan are examined with an emphasis on collaboration with the multidisciplinary team to provide quality, cost-effective care in the community/home setting. *Enrollment Requirement: NURS 535B and 535C must be taken concurrently*

NURS 535C Advanced Field Study: Management of Mental Health Clients and Families Across the Life Span- II (3 units)

This clinical practicum allows for the immersion of the Psychiatric Family Nurse Practitioner in the role of the advanced practice nurse in a variety of community settings. Using foundations of theory, research, and other evidence based practice principles students will address the complex needs of individuals,

groups, and families with psychiatric disorders. The emphasis will be on the application of sound clinical decision making and diagnostic reasoning skills. Students will be mentored by an experienced Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in the activities expected in the role. The minimum requirement for this practicum is 125 hours. *Prerequisites: NURS 500, 502, 503, 504, 506, 508, 510, 580, 582, 584, 532B, 533B or 533C and advancement to candidacy. Corequisites: NURS 534B, 590*

NURS 536 Chronic Illness Concepts (2)

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 are presented, including the classic work of Corbin and Strauss. Students will examine the social, psychological, economic and quality of life issues that impact clients, caregivers, families and communities.

NURS 539 Advanced Practice Externship (6)

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 as a role model. Advanced assessment skills and advanced nursing practice in the APN role will be performed. Students will complete 270 clinical hours.

NURS 580 Advanced Concepts in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (3)

Examination of theories and treatment modalities for individuals, groups and families with complex psychiatric-mental health needs. Emphasis is on development of advanced mental health nursing competencies in interviewing, formulating a therapeutic relationship and interventions skills. Clinical phenomenon from case studies are analyzed.

NURS 582 Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Assessment and Psychiatric Disorders (3)

Advanced comprehensive assessment skills, differential diagnosis and psychotherapeutic management of clients with common and major psychiatric disorders across the lifespan are introduced. The focus will be on the development of diagnostic reasoning skills and sound clinical judgment. The continued refinement of psychotherapeutic and culturally sensitive approaches in the development of the therapeutic alliance as a parallel process to assessment is emphasized.

NURS 584 Advanced Psychopharmacology (3)

This course will examine the psychopharmacologic treatment of psychiatric disorders across the life span and within vulnerable and culturally diverse populations. It is designed to provide an analysis of pharmacokinetics, and the effects and side effects of major classes of psychopharmacologic agents. It is expected that participants will develop skills in assessing the need for psychotropic interventions; examination of complementary and alternative therapies as they relate to chronic illness and psychiatric disorders across the life-span.

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.