
Post-Graduate Certificate Program

- III. Post-graduate Certificate Nurse Practitioner—26 hours
 - A. BIO 500; NUR 544, 622
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523. Clinical Prevention and Population Health in Advanced Nursing Practice (2)

This course is designed to prepare the student to apply evidence-based principles of wellness, disease prevention, and health risk in individuals, families, communities, and aggregate/clinical populations. The course also focuses on the study of culturally appropriate and holistic professional nursing care of persons in this pluralistic global society. Emphasis is placed on sensitivity to and respect for cultural diversity, communication, critical thinking, research, and theories of intercultural nursing.

524. Anesthesia Techniques (3)

This course introduces the ability of the student nurse anesthetist to integrate foundational anesthesia and scientific knowledge with learned clinical skills.

525. Introduction to Administrative Nursing Practice (3)

This course will integrate information about delivery systems, organizational mission, structure, culture, personnel motivation, management and networking. The focus will be on exploring these concepts from a nursing perspective and a wholistic Christian worldview.

526. Theory and Ethics for Advanced Nursing Practice (2)

This course explores central ethical and bioethical questions in nursing and health care, critiques and applies nursing theory to the advanced practice nursing role in the delivery of equitable and culturally relevant health care.

528. Nursing Administration and the Law (3)

A general background to the elements and characteristics of health, administrative, criminal, civil law and the implications for nurse practicing in an administrative role looking at malpractice, risk management, tort law and tort reform, OSHA regulations, construction, organizational management, laws affecting subsidiary corporations and tax law. Emphasis will be placed on administration of human resources including labor and legal issues, collective bargaining, labor laws, and the

639. Primary Care of Family: Acute and Chronic Management (4)

Prerequisite: BIO 500; Pre- or Corequisite: NUR 544 and 622

The purpose of this course is to enhance knowledge and skills in the diagnosis and management of chronic and acute health care problems in families. Management consists of identifying and monitoring, treating, and maintaining acute and chronic family-based health care problems utilizing principles of research and evidence based practice. The student will review theories and factors of chronic illness within the context of the family. The process of referral and development of practice guidelines will also be discussed. Clinical experiences will provide opportunities in community and hospital based settings.

653. Management of Acute and Chronic Mental Health Disorders: Children and Adolescents (4) Su

Prerequisites: NUR 544, NUR 622

Corequisite: NUR 652

This course will examine the major psychopathologies in children and adolescents including epidemiology, cultural and spiritual beliefs, specific assessment issues and tools, as well as evidence-based therapies. Interventions include psychopharmacologic as well as psychotherapeutic approaches (including psychotherapy) and combinations of therapies in the care of children and adolescents with mental health disorders. The psychiatric and emotional health of children, adolescents and their parents/

642. Nursing Education Residency (2)

Culmination of the nurse educator clinical experience. It involves application of educational theories and wholistic nursing practice. Practice experiences are designed to synthesize knowledge and skills and to enable the advanced practice nurse to meet individual practice outcomes and career goals.

650. Specialty Focus Practicum (2)

Prerequisite: NUR 546A or 546C, and NUR 616; Corequisite: NUR 626A or 626C, and NUR 636A or 636C

This clinical course will allow students to gain clinical experience in a specific population with the goal for the student to synthesize knowledge and skills gained in core and previous specialty courses and to apply knowledge in the clinical setting. Clinical experiences will be available in a wide variety of subspecialties such as neurology, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, cardiology, dermatology, oncology, pulmonology, orthopedics, and internal medicine. Graded Pass/Fail. This course may be repeated for credit.

651. Mental Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Across the Lifespan (4) S

Prerequisites: BIO 500, NUR 544

This course focuses on the assessment and diagnosis of mental health disorders across the lifespan. Advanced assessment techniques include observation, interviewing, as well as the appropriate use of a variety of screening tools and assessment guides and diagnostic data. Students are introduced to current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) criteria. Clinical experiences provide students with opportunities to integrate content in the care of patients across the lifespan.

652. Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan (3) Su

Prerequisites: NUR 544, NUR 622

This course builds on advanced pharmacology with the introduction of neurobiologic, genetic, and environmental theories of mental health disorders. The course emphasizes evidence-based practice and research-based data in the use of medications for mental health disorders across the lifespan. The course focuses on safety, therapeutic outcomes, recognizing and managing side effects, and medication management as part of a comprehensive treatment plan. The course will also cover appropriate laboratory and other diagnostic data that impact medication selection.

695B. Nursing Administration Practicum III (2)

Prerequisites: NUR 593, 693A

A practicum experience designed for synthesis of theory and practice where students develop, implement, and evaluate advanced practice leadership strategies in a health care systems area of focus.

696. Thesis (3)

This course enables the implementation of the research proposals developed in the nursing research course. The project will focus on a problem in a school/college of nursing or health care delivery system. The subject of health care improvements is emphasized through nursing research utilization. Pass/Fail.

697. Scholarly Project (3)

Through the completion of the scholarly project the student will identify, analyze, synthesize and utilize knowledge related to a health care issue in a school/college of nursing or health care delivery system. Application of nursing research utilization in this project will result in improved health care outcomes. Pass/Fail.

755. DNP Special Study (1-4)

Group studies which do not appear in the College course offerings. Content will be determined by need. Course may be repeated for credit with distinct content.

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