Health Assessment of Adult
The holistic assessment process of the adult client utilizing physical assessment skills such as the techniques of inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation are presented and practiced. Each system includes the normal finding and the pathophysiological mechanisms that alter hemodynamics. 3 hrs. lec., 2 hrs. lab. Nursing majors only.

NURSING (NURS)

NURS 179: 3 s.h.
Experimental
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NURS 279: 3 s.h.
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NURS 300: 3 s.h.
Health Issues from a Population Health Perspective
The essentials of population health practices will be discussed along with how they are used by different groups to assess health outcomes and make recommendations to improve access to care and quality of care while reducing the cost of care.

NURS 312: 3 s.h.
Value-Based Care
The healthcare industry is shifting to value-based and risk-based reimbursement and it is a monumental change that is impacting every component of healthcare. Healthcare is focused on high-value, cost-effective, and evidence-based measures that incorporate innovation, resource stewardship, and systems thinking. Under new payment models, reimbursement is tied directly to clinical, organizational, and consumer outcomes. It is, therefore, critical that all involved in healthcare are aware and can apply the principles associated with value-based care to their respective roles.

NURS 315: 3 s.h.
Scientific Advances (P)
Major contemporary health trends and issues will be presented. Discussion will identify the integration of certain biological, psychosocial, educational and healthcare components as they impact on the individual/family unit. Open to all majors. Prereq: ENGL 110, COMM 100 and junior status. Does not satisfy nursing electives for B.S.N. majors.

NURS 315H: 3 s.h.
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NURS 316: 3 s.h.
Women, Health, and Health Care (P)
Examines the physical, psychosocial, economic, cultural, ethnic, racial and political factors that impact women's health. Case studies of current health dilemmas that affect women in today's society will be analyzed. Prereq: ENGL 110, COMM 100 and junior status. Does not satisfy nursing electives for B.S.N. majors.

NURS 320: 3 s.h.
Basis of Professional Practice
Historical and theoretical aspects of nursing are discussed in addition to concepts and issues related to professional nursing practice. Emphasis on communication, standards, collaboration, and advocacy. 3 hrs. lec. Nursing majors only. Offered annually.

NURS 322: 4 s.h.
Health Assessment of Adult
The holistic assessment process of the adult client utilizing physical assessment skills such as the techniques of inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation are presented and practiced. Each system includes the normal finding and the pathophysiological mechanisms that alter hemodynamics. 3 hrs. lec., 2 hrs. lab. Nursing majors only.

NURS 330: 3 s.h.
Ethics and Person-Centered Care (D)
Focuses on the interplay of ethical practice and diverse populations in healthcare. Emphasis on the use of ethical theories, principles, and frameworks to strengthen moral reasoning and improve the provision of socially responsible, person-centered healthcare to diverse populations. Models of ethical decision-making are explored and applied. Role of the ANA Code of Ethics within the profession is examined. Encourages a greater awareness of cultural differences and health disparities and the importance of social justice and mutual respect in care delivery.

NURS 340: 3 s.h.
Environmental Factors
Discussion of environmental health and factors that influence the holistic person's health. Emphasis on the importance of environmental health assessment and the health effect of air, water and soil pollution; environmental safety hazards and nursing responsibilities for intervention in a personal, community and political realm. Effects of pollution and safety hazards discussed from a nursing perspective. 3 hrs. lec.

NURS 360: 4 s.h.
Assessment and Diversity in Nursing Practice (D)
Integration of physical assessment has a positive effect on patient care delivery. An important component of health assessment of the diverse client is a contextual (cultural) review. Cultural assessment is crucial to providing cultural care, which enables providers to deliver services that are respectful of and responsive to the health beliefs, practices and cultural and linguistic needs of diverse patients. Cultural competency is critical to reducing health disparities and is responsive to the needs of diverse patients resulting in improved patient outcomes.

NURS 379: 3 s.h.
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NURS 421: 5 s.h.
Population-based Nursing (W)
The nurse's role in promotion of health of aggregates in the community is explored, with an emphasis on vulnerable populations. Public health concepts, using a population-based focus are directed toward health promotion and levels of prevention with evidence-based care to create healthier communities and populations.

NURS 428: 3 s.h.
Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice (W)
Explores the research process used to generate evidence and the process of evidenced-based practice (EBP), which incorporates the available evidence to implement strategies that improve nursing practice. Students will follow the steps of the EBP process to synthesize the best available evidence related to a nursing problem within an area of professional practice. Prerequisite: MATH 130 or MATH 234, ENGL 110, and Senior Level.

NURS 435: 1-3 s.h.
Topics in Nursing
In-depth investigation of topics of current interest in the nursing field. Topics to be announced when course is offered. Offered periodically.

NURS 438: 3 s.h.
Health Policy and Nursing Issues
Discussion of the political, economic, legal, ethical and related societal issues which influence nursing practice and education. Professional nursing roles and responsibilities are emphasized. 3 hrs. lec. Nursing majors only.
NURS 478: 4 s.h.  
Transforming Health Care (W)  
This senior-level capstone course builds and expands upon work completed to date in the B.S.N. program and is designed to prepare students for leadership roles. Concepts of leadership and management will be described and ultimately applied to seminar topics and clinical experiences. Emphasis is also placed on the interdependence between the nursing profession and various levels of issues as they pertain to real-life world events. Seminar topics include fiscal management, case management and public-policy issues, among others. Clinical experiences will allow the student to practice with a nurse leader in the community. Prereq: ENGL 110, NURS 320, 428. 28 clinical hours total.

NURS 479: 3 s.h.  
Experimental Research Proposal  
Provides an opportunity to demonstrate creativity and initiative to further investigate an area of interest in practice, research or education in nursing. Offered periodically. Prereq: NURS 428.

NURS 489: 1-4 s.h.  
Honors Course  
Departmental Honors  
NURS 498: 1-3 s.h.  
Independent Study  
An individualized experience based on the student’s particular interests. Provides an opportunity to demonstrate creativity and initiative to further investigate an area of interest in practice, research or education in nursing. Offered periodically. Prereq: NURS 428.

NURS 501: 3 s.h.  
Role Development and Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice  
Serves as the introductory course for the Master’s of Science in Nursing degree. It is designed to provide a foundation to advance practice nursing. In this course, students will explore nursing concepts and theory. Emphasis is placed on bridging the theory-practice gap. Students will apply this theoretical basis in exploring advanced practice role development. Advanced practice core competencies will be introduced and analyzed.

NURS 502: 3 s.h.  
Research Methodology  
Advanced research in nursing. Builds on previous knowledge of research and statistics to develop a research-oriented approach to practice. Includes analysis of methods and techniques of research and interpretation of their usefulness for application in practice. Theory and practice will be used in defining nursing problems and in developing a research proposal. 3 hrs. theory. Prereq/Coreq: NURS 501. Offered in spring.

NURS 503: 3 s.h.  
Issues and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice  
In-depth study of the issues of advanced nursing practice, focusing on the historical, social and political forces which impact advanced nursing practice. Advanced practice roles in nursing are explored and analyzed. 3 hrs. theory. Offered in fall.

NURS 504: 3 s.h.  
Technology, Informatics & Professional Nursing Practice  
Discussion of the ways in which information and technology influence practice and decision making in various aspects of nursing practice, such as clinical, education, leadership and research, is the major focus of the course. Advances in technology that support and enhance the delivery of care and interdisciplinary communication are addressed. The legal, ethical, cultural, economic and social factors affecting healthcare information technology are also explored.

NURS 506: 3 s.h.  
Sustainable Health  
Discussion of advanced concepts regarding environmental health and evidence-based nursing in the context of sustainable development and global well-being. Using the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals as a comprehensive framework for understanding health, the environment, and human interaction, as well as how to promote public, international, and planetary health including multinational, interdisciplinary systems supporting all of humanity. Explores and underscores the important role nurses fulfill in promoting local and global health within the framework of sustainability.

NURS 508: 4 s.h.  
Advanced Clinical Knowledge  
Builds upon previous knowledge in physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology. Using a systems approach, examines principles of select well and disease states. Provides the opportunity to assess, analyze, and explore the findings, treatment, and evaluation of common health issues. Analyzes the relationships between assessment findings, physiologic changes, and pharmaceutical treatments.

NURS 511: 3 s.h.  
Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice  
Advanced physiology and pathophysiology at the cellular, organic and systemic level. Interdependence of organ systems in health and disease is emphasized as a basis for clinical assessment and management. 3 hrs. theory. Offered in spring.

NURS 512: 3 s.h.  
Health Assessment and Diagnostics Evaluation for Advanced Practice  
Clinical course. Provides framework for diagnosis and clinical decision making for the advanced practice nurse. Assessment skills and procedures for individuals across the life cycle will be developed. Information gathered in the assessment process will provide a basis for the evaluation of the health status of individuals. An analysis of an individual’s response to wellness and illness will include examination of concepts of cultural influences, health-seeking behaviors, and stress and adaptation. 2 hrs. theory, 3 hrs. lab. Prereq: NURS 501, 502, 503 and 511. Offered in fall.

NURS 513: 3 s.h.  
Pharmacology & Alternative Therapeutics in Nursing Practice  
Principles of pharmacology applied to the therapeutic management of the individual and the family across the life cycle. Emphasis on prescribing and monitoring pharmacology and alternative therapeutic regimens. Adverse drug reactions and multiple drug interactions are included. 3 hrs. theory. Prereq: NURS 501, 502, 503 and 511. Offered in fall.
NURS 515: 3 s.h.  
ANP Clinical Practicum
Provides an opportunity to integrate theory and practice through an intensive practicum experience. The practicum provides the opportunity for the nurse educator student to develop advanced clinical experience within a selected population and/or setting.

NURS 521: 7 s.h.  
Clinical Management of the Young Family
This course provides the family nurse practitioner student with the necessary knowledge and clinical experience to assist young families with health promotion and chronic and acute health problems. The biophysical, cognitive and psychosocial development of members of the young family is explored. A focus on women’s health issues is incorporated in the course content. The role of the family nurse practitioner in caring for the young family is identified. 3 hrs. theory, plus clinical component. Prereq: NURS 501, 503, 511, 512, 513.

NURS 522: 7 s.h.  
Clinical Management of the Mature Aging Family
This course provides the family nurse practitioner with the necessary knowledge and clinical experience to assist mature and aging families with health promotion and chronic and acute health problems. The biophysical, cognitive and psychosocial development of members of mature and aging families is explored. A focus on women’s health issues is incorporated in the course content. The role of the family nurse practitioner in caring for mature and aging families is identified. 3 hrs. theory, plus clinical component. Prereq: NURS 521.

NURS 523: 5 s.h.  
Family Nurse Practitioner Internship
This course provides an opportunity to integrate theory and practice through an intensive internship experience. Focus is on the domains and competencies of the nurse practitioner as direct provider of primary healthcare. Biweekly seminars will be conducted to discuss current topics. The student will be guided in the practicum by nurse practitioner and physician preceptors in a variety of settings. 1 hr. theory, plus clinical component. Prereq: NURS 521 and 522.

NURS 550: 3 s.h.  
School Nursing and Diverse Learners
Focus on the specialty practice area of school nursing, examining the role of the school nurse with emphasis on the special health needs of children in the school setting. Management and evaluation of the special health care needs of diverse learners are discussed with an understanding of the need for outcome criteria. Emphasis is placed on identifying accommodations and adaptations for diverse learners. An overview of common physiological and psychological diagnoses of the school age population are discussed as well as the legal responsibilities of the school nurse when caring for this diverse population.

NURS 560: 5 s.h.  
School Nursing Clinical Practicum
Focus on the specialty practice area of school nursing. Laws pertaining to school nursing practice and legal considerations for school nurses are explored. Individualized health plans that address the special health needs of children in the school setting are developed. Management and evaluation of the comprehensive school health program are discussed with an understanding for the need of outcome criteria. Clinical experiences provide the student an opportunity to apply concepts learned in the various school nursing program courses in school health settings at both elementary and secondary levels. Prereq: Undergraduate: faculty permission; Graduate: Baccalaureate degree
NURS 651: 3 s.h.
Leaving Quality and Safety
Focused on the role of the nurse leader in advancing the quality of patient care within complex healthcare systems. Investigates the impact of performance and quality improvement on patient safety. Using the guidelines developed by the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN), methods to positively impact patient safety and care quality are discussed.

NURS 652: 3 s.h.
Healthcare Financing
Focus on the healthcare industry's shift to value-based and risk-based reimbursement. Analysis of the impact of the change on every component of healthcare. Focused on high-value, cost-effective, and evidence-based measures that incorporate innovation, resource stewardship, and systems thinking. Examines new payment models, where reimbursement is tied directly to clinical, organizational, and consumer outcomes.

NURS 653: 3 s.h.
Leading Others & Organizations
Focus on the essential competencies of the nurse leader in relation to communication, conflict management, employee development, and building relationships. Developing a business acumen though use of change management, decision-making strategies, and systems thinking. Additional emphasis on strategic planning, project management, and policy development.

NURS 654: 3 s.h.
Nursing Leadership Practicum
Provides an opportunity to integrate theory and practice through an intensive practicum experience. The practicum provides the opportunity for the nursing leadership students to engage in an advanced leadership experience within a selected setting (112 practicum hours required)

NURS 686: 1-3 s.h.
Topics in Nursing
In-depth investigation and development of one or more topics of current interest in nursing that are not normally covered in regular courses. Topics/methods will vary according to the needs of students and faculty.

NURS 687: 1-3 s.h.
Topics in Nursing
In-depth investigation and development of one or more topics of current interest in nursing that are not normally covered in regular courses. Topics/methods will vary according to the needs of students and faculty.

NURS 688: 1-3 s.h.
Topics in Nursing
In-depth investigation and development of one or more topics of current interest in nursing that are not normally covered in regular courses. Topics/methods will vary according to the needs of students and faculty.

NURS 691: 1-3 s.h.
Ind Stdy Adv Nursing Practice
In-depth approach to an individually structured problem. Focus will vary according to the needs of students and faculty involved.

NURS 698: 3 s.h.
Capstone Project
Scholarly project is intended to be innovative, scholarly and relevant to advanced nursing practice. It is completed under the supervision of an individual faculty member. Prereq: NURS 502, 521, 522 or NURS 502, 630, 631, 632.

NURS 700: 3 s.h.
Transformational Leadership
Synthesize political action related to the structure of healthcare delivery. Analyzes factors that influence the production, financing, and distribution of healthcare services in the United States and globally. Utilize the social justice model as framework for in-depth analysis and critique of the social, political and economic factors affecting advanced doctoral nursing practice. Topics include basic economic theory, market drivers, healthcare financing and reimbursement, cost/benefit analysis and healthcare entrepreneurship.

NURS 701: 3 s.h.
Hlth Policy & Healthcare Econ
Emphasizes the roles of the advanced practice nurse as a clinical scholar, clinical expert and as a leader in evidence-based practice and transformation of health care. Evolution and need for doctoral education in nursing is considered. Theories of leadership change and transformation, and innovation diffusion are introduced. Systems theory, organizational and other mid-level theories are addressed. The interface between ethical and regulatory/legal obligations will be examined.

NURS 702: 3 s.h.
EBP Models and Research
The relationships among basic and applied research, translational science, and evidence-based practice in healthcare settings are examined through this course. Models of evidence-based practice are identified and evaluated, as well as translational research strategies and the theoretical and practical challenges of translating evidence into practice are also addressed.

NURS 703: 3 s.h.
Epidemiology & Health Promo
Focus on the integration of evidence-based practice and epidemiological approaches to promote consistent and equitable care for diverse populations. Data will be critically analyzed to identify barriers to equitable quality healthcare. Analyze epidemiological, biostatistical, occupational, and environmental data in the development, implementation, and evaluation of clinical prevention and population health. Consideration of ethically sound solutions to complex issues related to individuals, communities and populations.

NURS 704: 3 s.h.
Complex Health Care Systems
Focus on the major theories and approaches to sustainable healthcare business practices. Key areas of interest include application of organizational theory, consideration of organizational culture and ethical decision-making. Focus on quality improvement and ensuring patient safety, with an emphasis on outcome indicators and the relationship among processes, outcomes and costs.

NURS 705: 3 s.h.
EBP Process
Focuses on developing the necessary skills needed for applying ESP processes within the context of a practice setting, health care organization, or community. Provides the foundation for the DNP Capstone experience. Emphasis on the scholarly, systematic evidenced-based practice approach to problem-solving. The relationship between nursing interventions and patient outcomes is examined and opportunities for improvement are sought.
NURS 706: 3 s.h.
Statistical Methods
Exploration of statistical methods commonly used by advanced practice nurses to understand human health patterns. Descriptive and inferential statistics are applied through the use of statistical software packages and manipulation of datasets. Appraisal of appropriateness of research methods and techniques is included.

NURS 707: 3 s.h.
Scholarly Project Design Sem
Focus is on the design and defense of the student's proposed capstone project. Integration of foundational courses to develop, design and successful defend the proposed capstone project. Seminar style allows for increased interaction with faculty advisors and course peers. 3 cr; 1 cr lecture 2 cr (110 hours) clinical.

NURS 708: 3 s.h.
Informatics & Data Management
Design, select, and use information systems/technology to evaluate programs of care, outcomes of care, and care systems. Examine how information systems/technology provide a mechanism to apply budget and productivity tools, practice information systems and decision supports, and web-based learning or intervention tools to support and improve patient care.

NURS 709: 3 s.h.
Implementation Seminar
Focus is on the implementation of the student's capstone project, as well as collection of specified outcome data. Students will engage in their selected area of practice to enact the previously approved capstone project. Seminar style allows for increased interaction with faculty advisors and course peers. 3 cr, 1 cr lecture, 2 cr (110 hours) clinical.

NURS 710: 3 s.h.
Transforming Healthcare
This culminating course reflects the student's ability to assume a leadership role, employ effective communication and collaboration skills, evaluate practice, and successfully negotiate transformational change in the healthcare setting. Special attention is paid to the theoretical underpinnings and the broader implications of the capstone projects.

NURS 711: 3 s.h.
Evaluation Seminar
This seminar course focuses on the evaluation of the previously implemented EBP project. Students will engage in project evaluation/ data analysis, as well as discussion with their class and committee. The seminar will culminate in the final defense of the capstone project. The defense will include an explanation of the project implementation and analysis. Successful defense will result in completion of the course of study. 3 cr, 1 cr. lecture and 2 cr. (110 hours) clinical.

NURS 786: 1-6 s.h.
Topics: Clin Adv Doct Nsg Prac
In-depth clinical practice in the current interest or need in advanced nursing which are not normally covered in regular courses. This clinical topics course will vary according to the needs of students and faculty involved.

NURS 787: 1-6 s.h.
Topic Adv Doct Nsg Prac
In depth investigation and development of one or more topics of current interest in advanced nursing which are not normally covered in current courses. Special topics to be covered and methods used will vary according to the needs of students and faculty involved.