

NURS 701 – Diagnostic Reasoning and Clinical Decision Making for the FNP – 2 credits

Student applies principles learned in advanced health assessment by reinforcing diagnostic reasoning skills needed to assess and manage acute and chronically ill patients across the lifespan. Theory will include evaluation of case studies to develop differential diagnoses. 45 hours of clinical practice in simulation lab for practical application (45 clinical hours).

NURS 703 – Advanced Health Assessment – 3 credits

This course will build upon health assessment skills developed in the nursing undergraduate program. Emphasis will include developing advanced techniques in history taking and physical examination to prepare students for roles having components of direct care practices.

NURS 704 – Advanced Pathophysiology and Genetics I – 3 credits

Emphasis on physiologic mechanisms and pathophysiology of disease from a cellular perspective to include growth and development through the life span. Focus on genomics in basic and molecular concepts in biology, human diversity and variation, genetic disorders, influences on chromosome, gene action and inheritance modes.

NURS 706 – Nursing Theory and Research – 3 credits

This course is designed to explore historical, philosophical, and bio-psychosocial foundations of advanced nursing practice. Nursing philosophy, theory, research, and practice will be analyzed. Evidence Based Practice will be explored; concept analysis, qualitative and quantitative research, and application of evidence based practice in theoretical and clinical application.

NURS 711 – Informatics and Quality and Improvement – 3 credits

Introduces informatics theory and application of quality and safety practices focusing on the impact of informatics on nursing education, healthcare, improving outcomes, and providing cost-effective health care. Students will demonstrate evidence of mastery with a written quality improvement project utilizing principles and concepts learned.

NURS 713 – Health Policy and Population Health – 3 credits

Examines selected health problems for specific populations from a political, cultural, social, educational, environmental, economic and ethical perspective. Analysis of research and public policy relevant to the prevention, treatment and amelioration of the problems, initiate change strategies to impact public policy related to the selected problems.

NURS 714 – Family Theory and Health Promotion – 2 credits

Focus on family systems, theories in the context of society and culture. Emphasis on family as a client in holistic assessment and health promotion across the lifespan.

NURS 730 – Advanced Pharmacology and Genetics II – 3 credits

Focuses on the clinical application of pharmacologic and pharmacy kinetics principles in the management of selected health problems of adults and children. Focus on drugs commonly used for adults and children in primary care settings. Focus on application of pharmacogenomics and pharmacogenetics to pharmacology.

NURS 740R – FNP Adult and Women’s Health – 6 credits

This course provides the FNP student with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage patients in the primary care setting. Specific content relates to primary care needs of adults, including adolescent through older adults, in screening for, preventing, and/or managing common acute and chronic conditions (180 clinical hours).

NURS 750R – FNP Children and OB – 6 credits

Theoretical and clinical concepts of primary and secondary prevention for children and pregnant women. Focus is on health maintenance, teaching, screening, and clinical management of common acute health problems. Emphasis is on wellness management differential diagnoses, and pharmacologic/non-pharmacologic treatment options (180 clinical hours).

NURS 752 – Nurse Practitioner Business and Roles – 3 credits

Explores transitioning into role of nurse practitioner as individual and part of interprofessional care team. Focuses on ethical decision making, legal issues, various practice plans, billing, credentialing, and legal certification requirements for practice.

NURS 760R – FNP Geriatric & Chronic Illness – 6 credits

Culminating course focusing on clinical experiences to develop skill and knowledge in providing care to families in primary care settings. Students practice with increasing independence under the supervision of preceptors and clinical instructors. Students will study complex, multiple co-morbidities in all levels of primary, secondary, and tertiary care (180 clinical hours).

NURS 761 – Clinical Synthesis – 3 credits

This clinical course serves as a culminating experience. Students will work with their clinical preceptor(s) to integrate and apply previously acquired knowledge and skills and will demonstrate achievement of expected program outcomes (135 clinical hours).

Denotes MSN Core Course

46 credits, 720 clinical hours