



Nursing Courses

NURS 2000 Introduction to Professional Nursing (3 credits)

Introduces concepts related to the discipline of nursing, health and health care, and the social context of the profession, including attention to rural health care. Addresses psychosocial and spiritual dimensions of nursing care, introducing therapeutic communication and socialization into nursing practice.

NURS 2203 Introduction to Clinical Practice (4 credits)

The nursing process as a framework for providing a holistic approach to nursing care. Focuses on knowledge and practice related to basic needs and selected interventions, including medication administration. Learning environments include classroom, laboratory settings, and possible clinical rotations. Prerequisites: prelicensure track enrollee. Co-requisite: NURS 2000.

NURS 2204 Health Assessment (3 credits)

Introduces beginning theory and practice for systematic data collection about the health status of individuals, including the identification of characteristics common to particular age groups. Guides the student in distinguishing between normal and abnormal profiles and potential health concerns. Learning environments include classroom and laboratory settings. Prerequisites: prelicensure track enrollee. Co-requisite: NURS 2000.

NURS 2207 Nursing Pharmacology (3 credits)

This course is designed to develop theoretical knowledge of pharmacotherapeutics for nursing practice. The focus of major drug classifications and specific medicinal agents will be discussed in relation to pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, therapeutic uses, adverse reactions, and precautions. Prerequisite: enrollment in pre-licensure nursing program. Co-requisite: NURS 2000.

NURS 3000 Elements of Scholarly Practice (2 credits)

Examines forms of knowledge, the interrelationship between knowledge and practice, and the development of critical reflective thought. Introduces selected nursing theories, evidence-based practice, and an exploration of implications for nursing practice approaches. Includes study of ingredients expected in formal paper presentations. Prerequisites: prelicensure track enrollee only.

NURS 3003 Practicum: Adult/Gerian (4 credits)

The nursing process, incorporating a holistic view, serves as the framework for the provision of nursing care to adults and gerians. Nursing practice roles and abilities relate to promotion, attainment, and preservation of health, amelioration of suffering, and supporting a peaceful death. Learning experiences include laboratory and a variety of rural health care environments. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee, NURS 2000, NURS 2203, NURS 2204. Corequisite: NURSG 3001. Pre- or corequisite NURS 3120.

NURS 3007 Acute Care Practicum I (4 credits)

The nursing process, incorporating a holistic view, serves as the framework for the provision of nursing care across the lifespan. Learning experiences include laboratory and a variety of rural health care environments. Clinical rotations may include medical surgical, operating room, intensive care units, telemetry, cardiac catheter laboratory, emergency room, or operating room, or others as assigned. Prerequisite(s): Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 2203, NURS 2204, NURS 2207; Co-requisite NURS 3010 or NURS 3012.

NURS 3008 Acute Care Practicum II (4 credits)

The nursing process, incorporating a holistic view, serves as the framework for the provision of nursing care across the lifespan. Learning experiences include laboratory and a variety of rural health care environments. Clinical rotations may include labor & delivery, postpartum & nursery, pediatrics, obstetrics & gynecology, wound or ostomy, acute rehab, or others as assigned. Prerequisite(s): Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 2203, NURS 2204, NURS 2207; Co-requisite NURS 3010 or NURS 3020.

NURS 3011 Nursing Care of Individuals I (4 credits)

Focuses on common physiological health and illness concerns experienced by adults and older adults. Emphasis will be on implementing evidence-based nursing care that reflects an understanding of human growth and development, pathophysiology, pharmacology, medical management, and nursing management for adults and older adults. Prerequisites: Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 2203, NURS 2204, NURS 2207.

NURS 3012 Nursing Care of Individuals II (4 credits)

Focuses on common physiological health and illness concerns experienced by adults and older adults. Emphasis will be on implementing evidence-based nursing care that reflects an understanding of human growth and development, pathophysiology, pharmacology, medical management, and nursing management for adults and older adults. Prerequisite(s): Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 3011, NURS 3000, NURS 3120; Co-requisite(s): NURS 3007.

NURS 3100 Concepts of Nursing and Health Care (3 credits)

Introduces concepts emphasized in the program. Explores the nature of the discipline within professional and social contexts. Concepts of health are studied in relation to professional practice roles. Examines philosophies, theories, and frameworks for nursing practice. Students also address values clarification and ethical decision making. Prerequisite: Admitted to the major.

NURS 3120 Transcultural Nursing (2 credits)

Health beliefs and practices of clients from diverse backgrounds, including the concept of rural culture and cultural barriers to quality health care. Theoretical frameworks for performing a cultural assessment and for planning and implementing culturally appropriate nursing care. Provides opportunity for students to reflect on culture in relation to oneself and nursing practice roles. Prerequisite: Admitted to major.

NURS 3140 Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)

Integrates understanding of altered physiologic states and principles of psycho social and holistic nursing into a comprehensive approach to advanced nursing assessment for individuals across the lifespan. Guides the student in collecting and interpreting history information, physical information, and results of diagnostic studies. Analysis of information results in nursing diagnoses. Emphasis on advanced assessment process to evaluate response to nursing care. Prerequisite: Current RN license and admitted to major. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: examine health and nursing care systems within a global perspective. NURS 3100.

NURS 3150 Integrative and Cultural Nursing (3 credits)

Examines the health beliefs and practices of clients from diverse backgrounds, including the concept of rural culture and cultural barriers to quality health care. Theoretical frameworks for performing a cultural assessment and for planning and implementing culturally appropriate nursing care. Includes opportunities for students to reflect on culture in relation to oneself and nursing practice roles. Also explores integrative medicine as a component of cultural practice, values, and beliefs in response to a growing rate of patient demand for wellness-promoting integrative therapies. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100

NURS 3200 Health Education in Nursing Practice (3 credits)

This course examines the role of health education in nursing practice and healthcare. Concepts, principles, and theories related to teaching-learning processes are addressed. The development, delivery, and evaluation of health education are studied in relation to healthcare and professional nursing roles. Group dynamics are also examined. Prerequisite: Current unencumbered RN license and admitted to the major.

NURS 3201 The Childbearing Family (2 credits)

Introduces family assessment as a framework for nursing practice. Incorporates a holistic approach in the nursing care of families and newborns during an uncomplicated perinatal experience. Prerequisites: NURS 2203, 2204, 2207, and pre/corequisite NURS 3008.

NURS 3202 Child/Adolescent Health (4 credits)

Focuses on health and illness concerns experienced by infants, children, and adolescents. Studies nursing care management approaches and health care resources supportive of promotion, attainment, and preservation of health and amelioration of suffering. Includes nutritional and pharmacological dimensions of nursing practice. Prerequisites: interpret nursing care management approaches which support health promotion, attainment, and preservation of the childbearing family. Prerequisite(s): NURS 3012, NURS 3008, NURS 3201, NURS 4001.

NURS 3203 Practicum: The Family (4 credits)

The nursing process, including family assessment, serves as the framework for providing a holistic approach in the nursing care of childbearing families, children, adolescents, and adults. Nursing practice roles and abilities relate to promotion, attainment, and preservation of health and amelioration of suffering. Learning experiences include laboratory and a variety of rural health care environments. Prerequisite: 4-year track enrollee; Corequisites: NURS 3201 and NURS 3202.

NURS 3240 Information Management and Collaborative Communication (3 credits)

Introduces the concepts of delivering high quality health care focused on inter-professional communication, and the use of information management and patient care technology. Prerequisites: Admitted to major. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100.

NURS 3300 Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments (3 credits)

Provides an overview of the health care system in the United States. Examines and analyzes current health care policies at a federal, state, and facility level. Prerequisites: Admitted to major. Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100.

NURS 3400 American Indian Health Issues & Nursing (3 credits)

Students will examine and analyze the health care issues that American Indians face in current times. Explore how the professional nurse may remedy the profound health disparities of American Indians. Prerequisites: Admitted to major. Prerequisite(s)/Co-requisite: NURS 3100 in RN-BS track or completion of NURS 2000 level courses in 4-yr track. [Nisidotaading Course Requirement]

NURS 3410 APA Format, Nursing (2 credits)

This course describes the American Psychological Association (APA) (7th ed.) style and Publication guidelines and provides opportunities for application of these guidelines. Topics of focus will include manuscript structure and content, mechanics of style, crediting sources, and reference examples. Correct application of APA Style will be evaluated with quizzes and a final paper/reference page. Prerequisites: Declared nursing major.

NURS 3430 Health Promotion (2 credits)

The course applies the concepts of health promotion to nursing practice to enable the client to manage and improve health outcomes. While focusing on the methodology critical to developing a holistic plan of care for clients, students will learn the rationale and techniques for utilizing specific assessment tools, analysis of assessment data, selection of lifespan appropriate interventions, implementation of interventions, and measurement of resulting outcomes. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to the major.

NURS 3440 Palliative Care Nursing (3 credits)

This course examines nursing care needs common to individuals and families receiving palliative and end-of-life care. Emphasizes nursing practice representing a holistic, interdisciplinary, client-centered approach aimed to ameliorate suffering and support serious illness, dying, and a peaceful death. Addresses symptom-control and quality of life issues for patients with life-threatening illness who are not yet experiencing end-of-life issues. Health care resources and issues related to the provision of palliative care are addressed. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to the major.

NURS 3450 Holistic Nursing (2 credits)

This course introduces foundational principles and practices of holistic nursing, emphasizing the integration of body, mind, emotion, spirit, and environment in patient care. Students will explore core concepts aligned with the philosophical and theoretical foundations of holistic nursing as articulated in national professional frameworks. Emphasis is placed on self-reflection, self-care, and the development of a healing presence in the nurse-patient relationship. Topics may include holistic assessment, integrative modalities, evidence-informed practice, and ethical considerations in holistic care. While this course incorporates concepts consistent with the holistic nursing philosophy, it does not meet the certification requirements of the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) certification exam. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to the major.

NURS 3460 Child Abuse and Nursing Forensics (3 credits)

This course is intended to provide an overview of child abuse. A basic introduction of child sexual abuse and child physical abuse will be examined. The course will examine the history, etiology, assessment, and consequences of child abuse. Mandated reporting and the role of the nurse and the forensic nurse clinician in relation to child abuse will be discussed. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to the major

NURS 3920 Directed Group Study (1-4 credits)

Provides an in-depth study of a selected topic. Course title, credit, and prerequisites vary by course offering. Selected courses open to general university students. Prerequisite: 4-year track or RN enrollee.

NURS 3921 Directed Study: NCLEX Preparation (7 credits)

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NURS 3970 Internship (1 credit)

Graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only. Student internships may be either full-time or part-time in a public or private agency appropriate to the degree objective. Internships consist of closely supervised periods of service that are arranged in advance of the course registration. Students should consult their advisor concerning prerequisites.

NURS 4001 Mental Health Nursing (4 credits)

Focuses on the psychodynamics of human behavior in relation to the mental health/mental illness spectrum and common lifespan concerns. In addition to assessment, nursing care management includes interventions such as psychopharmacologic approaches and therapeutic communication. Examines nursing and health care delivery resources that address mental health needs, especially those of people living in rural areas. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee and all 3000-level NURS courses required for 4-year track.

NURS 4002 Palliative Care Nursing (2 credits)

Examines nursing care needs common to individuals and families receiving palliative and end-of-life care. Emphasizes nursing practice representing a holistic, interdisciplinary, client-centered approach aimed at ameliorating suffering and supporting a peaceful death. Health care resources and issues related to the provision of palliative care are addressed. Prerequisites: 4-year track enrollee and all 3000-level NURS courses required for 4-year track.

NURS 4003 Rural Populations Practicum (5 credits)

Provides opportunity to use the nursing process with a community/population as the client. Nursing practice roles and abilities relate to health promotion, attainment, and preservation of optimal health of clients, including clients with mental health needs, in diverse rural community settings. Prerequisite: Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 3012, NURS 3007, NURS 3201, NURS 4001.

NURS 4010 Nursing Care with Complex Needs (2 credits)

Focuses on complex physiological health and illness concerns experienced across the lifespan. Emphasis will be on implementing evidence-based nursing care that reflects an understanding of human growth and development, pathophysiology, pharmacology, medical management, and nursing management. Prerequisite(s): Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 3202, NURS 4110, NURS 4003.

NURS 4100 Nursing Research (3 credits)

Considers the role and use of nursing research in nursing practice. An introduction to the research process is provided and interpreted for its utilization in nursing practice. Prerequisites: Admitted to major.

NURS 4110 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)

Emphasizes use of the nursing process as the framework for addressing the community/population as client. Nursing role abilities inherent in the conduct of community/population-focused practice. Contemporary community topics, health concerns related to selected populations, and nursing/health care delivery in diverse community (including rural) contexts. Prerequisite: 4-year track or RN enrollee and all 3000-level NURS courses required for 4-year track or RN program except NURS 3920.

1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH

1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS

NURS 4116 Family and Population Health Nursing (4 credits)

Emphasizes the use of the nursing process as the framework for addressing the family/community/population as client. Nursing role abilities inherent in the conduct of family/community/population-focused practice. Prerequisites: Admitted to major; Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100; Co-requisite NURS 4120.

NURS 4120 Family and Population Health Practicum (4 credits)

Provides opportunity to use the nursing process with the community and family as client. Focuses on client populations in diverse community settings and participation in professional nursing practice roles. Prerequisites: Current RN license and admitted to major; Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100; Co-requisite: NURS 4116.

NURS 4201 Role Integration Practicum (4 credits)

A comprehensive practicum supportive to the continued development of role expectations of the baccalaureate graduate. Emphasizes providing, designing, managing, and coordinating nursing care within a selected rural setting. Prerequisites: Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 3202, NURS 4110, NURS 4003; Co-requisites: NURS 4010, NURS 4100, NURS 4250.

NURS 4210 Nursing Leadership and Management RN-BS (3 credits)

A study of leadership/management theories, concepts, and strategies as applied to professional nursing roles and practice. Topics relate to nursing care delivery patterns, leadership/management processes, issues, and resources. Prerequisite: Admitted to major; Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100.

NURS 4250 Leadership in Nursing (3 credits)

A study of leadership/management theories, concepts, and strategies as applied to professional nursing roles and practice. Topics relate to nursing care delivery patterns, leadership/management processes, issues, and resources. The contemporary social context of nursing (including rural settings), social action, and the responsibilities of membership in the profession are addressed. Prerequisite(s): Pre-licensure track enrollee, NURS 3202, NURS 4110, NURS 4003.

NURS 4260 Evidence, Practice, and Research (4 credits)

This course considers the nursing role in the use of nursing research and evidence-based practice. An introduction to the research process and evidence-based practice is provided and interpreted for its utilization in nursing practice. Prerequisite(s): Admitted to major; Prerequisite/Co-requisite: NURS 3100.

NURS 4917 DIS Tchg Assoc | (1-2 credits)

Directed Independent Study | Teaching Associate

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY

1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY

1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE

1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE

1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR

1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION

1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP