

NUR 741 Practicum 1: Family Nurse Practitioner

Course Description

NUR 741 is designed to allow students to begin the development of the family nurse practitioner role by providing health care services to individuals across the lifespan in primary care settings. The course emphasizes the development of clinical assessment and diagnostic reasoning skills to design and implement evidence-based treatment plans for common and uncomplicated acute, episodic, and chronic health problems of children, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in the primary care setting. Students will have the opportunity to obtain advanced knowledge and clinical skill in performing common diagnostic and therapeutic procedures related to the role of the nurse practitioner. This practicum requires 150 direct clinical hours.

Course Objectives
1. Analyze history, physical examination, developmental implications, and diagnostic findings to develop an appropriate plan of care for common and uncomplicated acute, episodic, and chronic health conditions of children, pregnant women, adults, and older adults.
2. Collaborate with the interdisciplinary health care team to design and implement evidence-based treatment plans for common and uncomplicated acute, episodic, and chronic health problems of adolescents, adults, older adults, and pregnant women.
3. Apply legal and ethical principles when providing care for clients.
4. Evaluate education and counseling needs of clients and families in the primary care setting.
5. Interpret and apply research outcomes within the practice setting to improve health outcomes and/or advanced nursing practice
6. Establish a database for the diagnosis and management of children, adults, older adults and pregnant women in the primary care setting.
7. Demonstrate technical skill and knowledge of the indications/contraindications and complications associated with diagnostic and therapeutic procedures/interventions appropriate to the entry level nurse practitioner for their population focus.
8. Analyze the importance of quality improvement and research to improve health outcomes and/or nursing practice across the continuum of care in applicable population-focused settings.
9. Implement patient-centered interventions that are responsive to the cultural and spiritual needs of individuals and families.