

NUR 721: Practicum II: Family Nurse Practitioner

Course Description

NUR 721 allows students to continue the development of the family nurse practitioner role by providing health care services to patients across the lifespan in primary care settings. This course emphasizes further development of clinical assessment and diagnostic reasoning skills and the diagnosis and treatment of common and more complicated acute episodic and chronic health problems of adults, pregnant women and children. Students will have opportunities to further advance knowledge and clinical skills in performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures related to the role of the nurse practitioner. This practicum requires 150 direct clinical hours. P: NUR 741; CO: NUR 720 and NUR 722.

Course Objectives
1. Synthesize history and physical examination and diagnostic findings to apply and evaluate the plan of care for common and more complicated acute and chronic health problems of adults, older adults, pregnant women, and children.
2. Evaluate evidence-based treatment plans for common and more complicated acute and chronic health problems of adults, older adults, pregnant women, and children and apply individualization.
3. Apply legal, ethical, and financial principles to promote the safe care of clients, documentation of patient encounters, and coding and billing for advanced practice nursing care.
4. Integrate inter-professional collaboration with and referral to other health providers and social services for individuals with urgent, complex, and/or interacting health needs.
5. Develop competency in the application of research outcomes within the practice setting to improve health outcomes and/or advanced nursing practice.
6. Continue development of database of the diagnosis and management of adults, older adults, pregnant women and children in the primary care setting.
7. Demonstrate increasing technical skill and knowledge of the indications/contraindications and complications associated with diagnostic and therapeutic procedures/interventions.
8. Provide leadership and service to patients in the primary care and/or community setting that addresses the needs of culturally diverse populations, providers, and environments.