

Course Descriptions

Option I - Certificate in Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner

APN 955 Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners

Students examine theoretical and practice related concepts in pathophysiology as a basis for advanced nursing practice. Students explore alterations in physiological function with an emphasis on age-related, acute, episodic, and chronic conditions found in primary health care practice.

APN 956 Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Roles and Responsibilities

Students compare and contrast advanced practice nursing and related frameworks to develop, integrate, sustain, and evaluate the role of the nurse practitioner within primary health care. Students critically analyze and develop strategies to implement advanced practice nursing competencies with a focus on the community.

APN 957 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis I

Students analyze and critique concepts and frameworks essential to advanced health assessment and diagnosis using clinical reasoning skills. They apply clinical, theoretical and research knowledge in a comprehensive and focused health assessment for the individual client's diagnostic plan of care.

Co-requisite: Pathophysiology for Nurse Practitioners

Seminar: 3 hours per week

Clinical: 6 hours per week

APN 958 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis II

Students integrate knowledge and apply conceptual frameworks integral to advanced health assessment and diagnosis in advanced nursing practice. Students demonstrate initiative, responsibility, and accountability in complex decision making for individuals, groups, and/or families within the nurse practitioner scope of practice based on current research findings.

Pre-requisite: AHAD I

Seminar: 3 hours per week

Clinical: 6 hours per week

APN 959 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care I

Students critically appraise and interpret concepts and frameworks integral to pharmacotherapy, advanced counseling, and complementary therapies for common conditions across the lifespan. Students develop, initiate, manage, and evaluate therapeutics plans of care that incorporate client values and acceptability, goals of therapy, analysis of different approaches, pharmacotherapeutic principles.

Co-requisites: AHAD I

Seminar: 3 hours per week

Clinical: 6 hours per week

APN 960 Therapeutics in Primary Health Care II

Students integrate conceptual frameworks and evidence underlying the study of pharmacotherapy, advanced counseling, and complementary therapies for complex client situations. Students demonstrate substantive initiative, responsibility, and accountability in complex decision making.

Pre-requisite: Therapeutics I Co-requisite: AHAD II

Seminar: 3 hours per week

Clinical: 6 hours per week

APN 951 Integrative Practicum

Students synthesize and integrate knowledge of research, theory, philosophy, ethics, clinical care, education and leadership to provide primary health care to diverse populations across the lifespan. Demonstrate autonomy in decision-making and the critical analysis of organizational and system issues that influence scope of practice and professional accountability.

Pre-Requisites: All other core MN and PHCNP field courses

Seminar: 3 hours per week

Clinical: 32 hours per week