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New Student Welcome Package



ONTARIO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

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Welcome!

Congratulations on your admission into the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) program and welcome to the Faculty of Community Services as well as the Yeates School of Graduate Studies at Ryerson University!

We are pleased to offer a curriculum designed to provide you with leading edge education focused on advancing your skills and knowledge in evidence-based practice, education, policy and leadership.

We take a high-touch, hands-on approach to advanced nursing education. Together, our students, staff and faculty create a caring, committed community that is a hub for:

Community Building. Intense, interactive classroom and practice settings that help students connect, build relationships, and expand their personal and professional networks.

Community Collaboration. Connections with leading health care organizations and Toronto's vibrant, diverse neighbourhoods that offer our MN students rich, rewarding opportunities for practice, education and research.

Community Leadership. Our programs are values-driven, emphasizing social justice, accountability, advocacy and partnership as core values in health care leadership.

Throughout your studies, you will have the opportunity to further develop professional relationships and build upon your current knowledge and skills in order to prepare you for a wide variety of advanced nursing roles.

Within this Welcome Package, as well as on the Current Students pages of the Master of Nursing program web site, you will find important information about the PHCNP program, the Yeates School of Graduate Studies and the University in general. This information is to assist you with your course selection process and to familiarize you with relevant program guidelines.

All the best in your Master of Nursing studies!



Nancy Purdy, RN, PhD
Associate Professor
Interim Program Director, Master of Nursing

Message from Dr. Nancy Walton, Director of the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing

I would like to congratulate you on your admission into the PHCNP program!

Since 1995, Ryerson University has been a national leader in the educational preparation of Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners. The Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing is pleased to offer both a combined Master of Nursing/Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) and a post-masters PHCNP Certificate program.

Our PHCNP program is of interest to professional nurses wanting to develop advanced knowledge and skills with an emphasis on offering comprehensive primary care to individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan. Throughout the program, you will use a variety of learning modalities that strongly promote the integration of theory, practice, and self-direction as essential elements in the profession of the nurse practitioner.

Students come into our program with diverse knowledge and practice backgrounds. Through the engagement of classroom-based courses as well as courses that utilize a distance-delivery format, our program offers a unique learning environment.

To succeed in the program, be prepared to juggle work, family, social, and academic responsibilities. Students, who can negotiate accommodations with their employer, or focus on the program full-time, tend to have better experiences and more manageable stress levels.

Please make sure that you have reviewed the PHCNP Program General Terms & Conditions document that was included with your Offer of Admission and remember to bring your signed copy to the PHCNP Program Orientation.

Although very exciting, the PHCNP Program is extremely intense in course content and clinical workload. Because of this, it is imperative that throughout your studies that you keep abreast of communiqués, policies, procedures, and information about the program.

Welcome to our Program and all the best!

Regards,



Nancy Walton
Associate Professor, RN, PhD
Director, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing

New Student Guidelines & Course Selection Instructions

STEP 1 – review all relevant documents prior to downloading any program forms

STEP 2 – review the PHCNP Program Requirements document to obtain relevant program overview information

STEP 3 – review the PHCNP Program Plans document

STEP 4 – review upcoming Schedule of Courses document

STEP 5 – select and complete the PHCNP Program Course Selection form and submit as per instructions

STEP 6 – activate your Ryerson identity

All course selections and enrolments are facilitated by the Master of Nursing Program Administrator. This includes any course changes (adds or drops requests).

Course Pre-Registration

All new PHCNP Certificate students will pre-select courses as part of the PHCNP New Student orientation by setting up their program plan on the Central Registry Data Base.

PHCNP Orientation

The PHCNP New Student Program Orientation will take place on Thursday, June 11 from 12:45 am– 5:00 pm. This orientation will be conducted as a web conference via Zoom. Attendance of this half-day orientation is a requirement for all new students. The late afternoon portion of the orientation will involve setting up your access to the PHCNP Network and registering your program course plan. Please note that you must attend orientation in order to register for courses and to proceed with critical next steps. Below is the Zoom meeting information:

Nancy Purdy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ryerson.zoom.us/j/95710051506>

Meeting ID: 957 1005 1506

One tap mobile number: 778-907-2071

PHCNP Certificate Program Requirements

The requirement for the PHCNP Certificate is successful completion of seven PHCNP Certificate courses. Five of the seven PHCNP courses are one-semester courses and two are over two terms. Students have a maximum of 2 Years or 6 terms to complete the program requirements. Students wanting to complete the program in 1 year must first seek permission from the PHCNP Coordinator.

Course requirements, assignments and methods of evaluation vary by course but may include scholarly papers, seminars presentations, performance demonstrations and/or examinations or evaluations by self, peers or others. Students receive letter grades in all seven courses.

Guidance from expert faculty will enhance the nurse practitioner student's capacity to contribute to knowledge development through the identification of critical questions. Evidence based practice principles are incorporated throughout each course to assess, diagnose, and manage health issues appropriate to the population served. The PHCNP courses are taught by faculty in the COUPN consortium who possess the expert knowledge to teach the courses relevant to the Nurse Practitioner – Primary Health Care professional area.

Students will have the opportunity to share their different experiences and backgrounds, as well as the diverse client situations they encounter in the clinical settings. The students will apply legislative regulations and ethical models to a variety of simulated and actual practice situations through assignments, seminar discussions, and clinical practice situations. These include, but are not limited to consultation, prescriptive authority, the ordering of laboratory and diagnostic tests and the certification of death. Effective strategies to influence health and social policy will be incorporated into discussion and assignments throughout the program.

For the fall 2020 term, Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis I and Advanced Therapeutic Communication I courses are each scheduled online over a 13-week term in 3-hour seminar blocks in addition to the 6 hours clinical per week or 78 hours per course per semester.

For the winter 2021 term Advanced Health Assessment & Diagnosis II and Advanced Therapeutic Communication II courses are each scheduled onsite over a 13-week term in 3-hour seminar blocks in addition to the 6 hours clinical per week or 78 hours per course per semester.

Pathophysiology is a 13-week course scheduled over two terms and uses a distance method for course delivery. On-line chats are scheduled every other week. There are no clinical requirements for this course.

Fall and winter terms delivery of Roles and Responsibilities is a 13-week course scheduled over two terms and uses a distance method for course delivery. On-line chats are scheduled every other week. There are no clinical requirements for this course.

Integrative Practicum is scheduled on-site with a seminar every other week over a 13-week period (May-August) in addition to the 455 clinical hours.

The clinical practicum component of the PHCNP courses provides opportunities for the application of advanced nursing practice, and related theories and research to varied health issues and client needs.

Throughout the program, students use a variety of learning modalities that strongly promote the integration of theory, practice, and self-direction as essential elements in the professional role of the nurse practitioner.

All class schedules are centrally planned by the Registrar's Office (RO). Confirmed class schedules will be posted on-line at <http://www.my.ryerson.ca> (RAMSS). Normally the RO releases Fall Term schedules on-line by the end of August, Winter Term schedules by the end of December and Spring Term schedules by early May. Prior to the release of these confirmed schedules by the RO on the Web, the Master of Nursing program will made available TENTATIVE schedule information to students through the Combined Master of Nursing/PHCNP Certificate Schedule forms found on the News Students section of the MN Website.

VARIATIONS TO THE RYERSON YSGS SIGNIFICANT CALENDAR DATES

FOR THE PHCNP COURSES, THE EXAM PERIOD FALLS OUT OF STEP WITH THE YSGS EXAMINATION PERIOD. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS REVIEW THEIR COURSE SYLLABUS, AS WELL AS THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR POSTED ON THE ONTARIO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM WEBSITE.

THE FORMAT FOR BOTH PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES IS DISTANCE DELIVERY USING ON LINE CHATS. PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND ROLES & RESPONSIBILITY CHATS WILL TAKE PLACE ON ALTERNATING WEEKS. THE DAYS AND TIMES ARE TBA. DUE TO THE ALTERNATING SCHEDULE OF THESE TWO PHCNP COURSES, THERE IS A VARIATION TO THE RYERSON YSGS SIGNIFICANT CALENDAR DATES. THE FINAL DATE TO DROP EITHER COURSE AND TO RECEIVE A 50% REFUND MUST OCCUR IN WEEK 5 OF THE COURSE. FINAL DATE TO DROP EITHER COURSE WITH NO REFUND BUT IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING MUST OCCUR IN WEEK 8 OF THE COURSE. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE EXACT CALENDAR DATE.

PHCNP Certificate Program Plans: 1 and 2-year time-to-completion maximums

TIME-TO-COMPLETION OPTIONS	TERMS/SEMESTERS					
	Fall Term 1	Winter Term 2	Spring Term 3	Fall Term 4	Winter Term 5	Spring Term 6
	YEAR 1			YEAR 2		
1 YEAR FULL-TIME OPTION A	MN8955A MN8956A MN8957 MN8959	MN8955B MN8956B MN8958 MN8960	MN8951			
2 YEAR FULL-TIME OPTION B	MN8955A MN8956A	MN8955 MN8956B	MN8956	MN8957 MN8958	MN8959 MN8960	MN8951
ALL 7 PHCNP COURSES ARE CONSIDERED REQUIRED						
<p> <u>MN 8951</u> INTEGRATIVE PRACTICUM <u>MN 8955A/B</u> PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR PHCNP'S <u>MN 8956A/B</u> PHCNP ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES <u>MN 8956</u> PHCNP ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES <u>MN 8957</u> ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT & DIAGNOSIS I <u>MN 8958</u> ADVANCED HEALTH ASSESSMENT &DIAGNOSIS II <u>MN 8959</u> PHCNP THERAPEUTICS I <u>MN 8960</u> PHCNP THERAPEUTICS II </p>						

2020-21 Schedule of Courses

Fall 2020	Course Code	Course Name	Requirement	Schedule	Room
	MN8955	PHCNP Pathophysiology A	PHCNP	Not a Scheduled Course	Online
	MN8956	PHCNP Roles & Responsibilities A	PHCNP	Not a Scheduled Course	Online
	MN8957	AHAD I – Section 1	PHCNP	Tuesdays 1-4	Online
	MN8957	AHAD I – Section 2	PHCNP	Wednesdays 1-4	Online
	MN8957	AHAD I – Section 3	PHCNP	Wednesdays 1-4	Online
	MN8959	Therapeutics I – Section 1	PHCNP	Tuesdays 4-7	Online
	MN8959	Therapeutics I – Section 2	PHCNP	Wednesdays 9-12	Online
	MN8959	Therapeutics I – Section 3	PHCNP	Wednesdays 4-7	Online
Winter 2021	Course Code	Course Name	Requirement	Schedule	Room
	MN8955	PHCNP Pathophysiology B	PHCNP	Not a Scheduled Course	Online
	MN8956	PHCNP Roles & Responsibilities B	PHCNP	Not a Scheduled Course	Online
	MN8958	AHAD I – Section 1	PHCNP	Tuesdays 1-4	DCC 460
	MN8958	AHAD I – Section 2	PHCNP	Wednesdays 1-4	DCC 460
	MN8958	AHAD I – Section 3	PHCNP	Wednesdays 1-4	DCC 460
	MN8960	Therapeutics I – Section 1	PHCNP	Tuesdays 4-7	DCC 460

	MN8960	Therapeutics I – Section 2	PHCNP	Wednesdays 9-12	DCC 460
	MN8960	Therapeutics I – Section 3	PHCNP	Wednesdays 4-7	DCC 460
Spring 2021	Course Code	Course Name	Requirement	Schedule	Room
	MN8951	Integrative Practicum – Section 1	PHCNP	Mondays 9:30- 5:00	DCC 458
	MN8951	Integrative Practicum – Section 2	PHCNP	Mondays 9:30- 5:00	DCC 460

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ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THAT THIS SCHEDULE IS CONFIRMED, CHANGES MAY RESULT DUE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE PROGRAM.

Course Descriptions

Our challenging curriculum gives students a rich, balanced education and prepares them to reach the next level in their careers. Courses in the PHCNP program address advanced nursing theory, research, and practice. For a complete description of all courses please go to the “Resources for PHCNP Students” tab found under the “By Program – PHCNP” section of the MN website.

Fees

Tuition for the PHCNP Certificate program is calculated on a course-based fee structure. For the PHCNP Certificate program your tuition is a TERM charge, which is based on the number of enrolled courses in a given term throughout the three terms in the graduate calendar.

In considering the overall tuition cost of your program, you need to multiply the number of required degree or certificate courses by the by posted tuition amount found on the detailed Fees Information page (<http://www.ryerson.ca/registrar/fees/detail/graduate.html>).

The approximate total domestic tuition cost for the PHCNP Certificate Program is \$8,000 plus ancillary fees.

Activating Your On-line Identity

For instructions on how to activate your Ryerson-line identity, please go to the following link <http://www.ryerson.ca/ccs/index.html>