Practicum

**Course description**

This course focuses on the synthesis of previously gained knowledge and skills in the provision of advanced nursing care to individuals, families and communities.  Emphasis is placed on health promotion, disease prevention and clinical management of clients with acute and chronic illness.

**Credit hours**

6 hours (24 clinical hours)

**Course objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student is expected to:

1. Integrate nursing science with knowledge from ethics, the biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sciences as the basis for the advanced level of nursing practice.
2. Implement and evaluate effective strategies for managing the ethical and legal dilemmas inherent in patient care, the healthcare organization, and research.
3. Employ effective communication and collaborative skills in interdisciplinary teams for the purpose of creating change in the global healthcare arena.
4. Synthesize concepts, including psychosocial dimensions and cultural diversity, related to clinical prevention and population health by implementing and evaluating interventions to address global health promotion/disease prevention efforts, improve health status/access patterns, and/or address gaps in care of individuals, aggregates, or populations.
5. Promote and evaluate use of health care information systems and patient care technology, including consumer health information sources.
6. Demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of institutional, local, state, federal, and/ global health policy.
7. Critically appraise existing literature from nursing and other disciplines using advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability to determine and implement the best evidence for practice.
8. Advocate for the advanced practice role within the policy and healthcare communities.
9. Demonstrate continuing competence, growth, and development in the profession.

**Topics**

Application of content presented in the pre-requisite theory/clinical courses.