

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is a practice-focused doctorate comparable to advanced clinical degrees in other health disciplines such as Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), and Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). The degree represents the highest academic preparation for nursing practice, focusing on expanded scientific knowledge related to providing comprehensive direct care across all settings. Grounded in clinical practice, the DNP moves the focus of advanced practice nursing from the level of the individual patient to the population level by using a cross-population perspective to assess, manage, and evaluate common problems. The DNP is the preferred degree for advanced practice nursing (AACN, 2004). The DNP is expected to become the standard in advanced nursing practice.

The practitioner tracks prepare candidates to provide quality healthcare services to all members of the community, with an emphasis on meeting the unique healthcare needs of culturally diverse and underserved populations. Clinical experiences in a variety of hospitals and agencies in surrounding communities allow for synthesis of clinical judgment, assessment, diagnostic skills, and theory.

The Egan School has long been recognized for its commitment to individualizing instruction and educational experiences. Each student is assigned to a faculty advisor who works closely with students to mentor progression through the program. Academic counseling, individualized attention, and career planning are integral to the advisement process. Faculty members in the Egan School are exceptionally qualified by academic and clinical preparation. Many faculty are currently practicing in advanced practice roles.

For BSN-DNP students, we currently offer advanced practice specialties in family and psychiatric nurse practitioner, nurse midwifery, and nurse anesthesia. The BSN-DNP program requires 72-76 course credits for completion, depending on the selected track students enter. Students entering with a MSN are required to complete a minimum of 32 credits for the Advanced Practice DNP and 35 credits for the Executive DNP.

Note: A total of 1000 practicum/immersion hours is required for the DNP, with the exception of the Nurse Anesthesia program which requires a minimum of 2250 hours. For MSN to DNP students, these hours include documented hours of supervision in an MSN program.

Program Outcomes

A graduate of the Egan School DNP program will be able to:

1. Independently provide culturally sensitive and evidence-based care to individuals and populations in a defined area of advanced nursing practice.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking at the highest level of practice and accountability in the management of healthcare systems, considering ethical, legal, and socially just patient-centered care.
3. Translate research into practice through critique of existing evidence, evaluation of outcomes, and implementation of projects that contribute to the development of best practices.
4. Integrate science and theory from nursing and related disciplines within a reflective practice framework to inform clinical judgments, resolve dilemmas in healthcare, and serve as a patient care advocate.

5. Evaluate patient, population, and healthcare system outcomes using fiscal analysis and cost-effective strategies to achieve quality improvement.
6. Analyze the use of healthcare information systems and patient care technology to assure quality healthcare outcomes.
7. Lead collaborative interprofessional relationships and partnerships to transform healthcare delivery systems and improve health.
8. Assume a leadership role in the analysis, development, implementation, and evaluation of policies to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes at the local, regional, national, and international levels.

DNP Immersion Policy

BSN to DNP

DNP students in the FNP and PMHNP tracks who have exceeded the 200 required clinical practicum hours in any semester may be awarded Immersion credits (in increments of 50 hours) for time in the clinical setting that is focused on the development of clinical skills above and beyond those required for the clinical course objectives. Students would be required to pay for the Immersion credit(s). In order to receive Immersion credit at the end of the semester, students would have to obtain the following approvals before undertaking the additional hours:

- Approval of the clinical Course Instructor, indicating that the student had met all clinical course objectives and had permission to accrue additional clinical hours for the purpose of developing additional skills.
- Additional approval of the student's DNP Advisor and their Program Director.

MSN to DNP

Students in the Post-Master's DNP program are required to provide verification of their post-baccalaureate practice hours upon admission to the program. Letters of verification from the Master's-granting University must be submitted on University letterhead. Effective Fall 2017, the Egan School will accept a maximum of 600 post-baccalaureate supervised practice hours from approved Masters' level coursework. Applications for Post-Masters students with more than 1000 post-baccalaureate supervised practice hours will be considered on a case by case basis.

Programs

BSN to DNP Programs

- Family Nurse Practitioner Track
- Nurse Anesthesia Track
- Nurse Midwifery Track
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Track

MSN to DNP Programs

- Advanced Practice
 - Advanced Practice DNP/PMHNP
- Executive Doctor of Nursing Practice

Courses

NURS 5110 Introduction to Professional Nursing **3 Credits**

This course serves as a foundation to the development of the nurse as a professional person. Central to this is the awareness and acceptance of self. The process of clinical reasoning as an approach to the planning and delivery of nursing care to individuals, families, groups and communities is introduced. Discussion of nursing's history and accomplishments serves as the cornerstone for professional behaviors, including: scholarship, communication, collaboration, personal responsibility, accountability, integration of evidence based practice and peer- and self-evaluation. 42 theory hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 1110.

NURS 5272 Geriatric Nursing **4 Credits**

This course focuses on evidence-based nursing care of older adults living in long-term care settings. Normal physiological changes of aging and related assessment skills will be incorporated and evaluated using standardized assessment tools. Management of common geriatric care problems will be emphasized. Particular focus will be placed on the ethical and spiritual concerns of vulnerable older adult populations. Students will reflect upon how the nursing role merges with life goals, philosophy, and meaning to develop professional behaviors consistent with these aspects of life. 42 theory hours, 42 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 2272.

NURS 5305 Mental Health Nursing **4 Credits**

The focus of this course is the nursing care of individuals with psychiatric disorders. A holistic approach based on theories of human behavior and personality as well as neurobiological, developmental, trauma-informed, and recovery-oriented models are used to plan and implement care in a variety of settings. Factors that may contribute to an individual developing a psychiatric disorder are discussed and ethical, legal, and cultural issues are considered when planning care. The development of a therapeutic nurse-patient relationship and use of communication techniques to promote healing are emphasized. 42 theory hours, 42 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 3305.

NURS 5307 Fundamentals of Nursing Care **4 Credits**

In this course, evidence based practice is used as a guide for students to learn how to provide safe and effective patient care across the lifespan. In the laboratory setting, students perform basic to advanced psychomotor skills related to nursing care. Students also learn to effectively use an electronic health record to document clinical findings and care. 28 theory hours, 56 lab hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 3307.

NURS 5307L Fundamentals of Nursing Care Lab **0 Credits**

NURS 5312 Medical Surgical Nursing I **5 Credits**

This course introduces the student to illnesses common in the adult population. The nursing process, theory, and evidence-based practice, are incorporated with clinical practice. An emphasis is placed on clinical reasoning and prioritizing patient care. Throughout the course, informatics is integrated as part of the documentation process for clinical experiences. 42 theory hours, 84 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 3312.

NURS 5314 Maternal and Newborn Nursing **4 Credits**

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to assist the patient and family to cope with changes in reproductive and gynecological needs. The childbearing cycle including: pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum, lactation, care of the healthy newborn and perinatal complications, and theoretical models will be explored. Cultural, ethical and legal aspects of reproductive health across the lifespan will be examined. Emphasis is on development of clinical reasoning and evidence based practice skills related to the nursing care of women and childbearing families. 42 theory hours, 42 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 3314.

NURS 5323 Pediatric Nursing **4 Credits**

This course utilizes a family centered care approach to provide an understanding of the unique anatomical, physiologic, and developmental differences among neonates, infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. Social and cultural influences on children and their families are discussed in addition to assessment, genetics, health promotion, injury prevention, acute and chronic illness, and palliative and end-of-life care. Students are challenged to implement effective communication techniques, clinical reasoning skills, and evidenced based practices when planning holistic and safe care for children and their families in a wide variety of clinical settings. 42 theory hours, 42 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 4323.

NURS 5325 Medical Surgical Nursing II **5 Credits**

This course continues the study of nursing care for patients with illnesses common in the adult population. The theoretical framework of the nursing process is used to demonstrate effectiveness in planning and providing holistic evidence-based nursing care for diverse individuals and populations. Professional communication and interprofessional collaboration will be utilized in the delivery of patient-centered care. 42 theory hours, 84 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 4325.

NURS 5330 Population Health **4 Credits**

This course focuses on the care of people in their homes, in communities, and around the world. Principles of disease prevention, risk reduction, and health promotion are applied to diverse populations in the USA and worldwide. Students synthesize prior experience and learning with public health theory to provide collaborative, quality care across the lifespan. Using an ecological model, students engage in evidence based care for individuals, families, groups, communities and populations. Global issues related to the impact of social policies on healthcare and health equity, and needs of vulnerable populations are also examined. 42 theory hours, 42 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 4330.

NURS 5332 Transition to Professional Nursing **4 Credits**

This capstone course addresses provision of holistic, evidence based care to patients and families in a variety of health care settings. Students have the opportunity to work as a member of the health care team with an individual agency preceptor across the course. The focus is on fostering student growth in clinical reasoning, clinical reasoning and leadership development to promote autonomous professional nursing practice within the clinical setting. Students develop a Capstone Project based on an identified learning need, for the patient, the patient's family, or for the nursing staff. 168 clinical hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 4332.

NURS 5360 Critical Care Nursing**3 Credits**

This elective course is an introduction to critical care nursing. The focus is placed on nursing diagnoses and evidence based practice in the care of the critically ill patient. Common issues such as ethical dilemmas, psychosocial challenges, and symptom management are discussed. Relevant nursing implications for the care of critically ill patients are addressed. Students also gain skills in advanced critical care, hemodynamic monitoring, and ventilator management. 42 theory hours. Undergraduate equivalent: NURS 4360.

NURS 6521 Healthcare Leadership Roles for Systems Improvement**3 Credits**

This course provides evidence-based knowledge and skills to maximize the development of one's leadership role in evolving and challenging health care systems. Healthcare leadership roles will be explored from the perspectives of the interprofessional team members. Discussion and clinical application will focus on supporting students to develop their ability to be collaborative, knowledge-based decision makers and facilitators in the context of systems analysis and improvement. The intent of this course is to explore the many facets of leadership and health care improvement, and to examine strategies that will develop future leaders to promote health, improve outcomes and facilitate the design of high-performing systems that better serve patients, families, staff, and the organization. Students will develop proficiency in reflective practice, and evaluating and communicating data as a means to support systems improvement. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0521.

NURS 6523 Quality Outcomes Management I**5 Credits**

Prerequisites: NURS 6521, NURS 7601, NURS 7604, NURS 7605, NURS 7608, NURS 7614, NURS 7640, NURS 7641.

Students in this course implement the interdisciplinary role of the Nurse Leader. Emphasis is placed on identifying patient outcomes and designing systems to effectively manage these outcomes. Under the mentorship of faculty and an agency preceptor, students implement clinical and teaching interventions to promote positive patient outcomes. Using leadership and management skills, students demonstrate clinical competence through implementation of various aspects of the nursing leadership role. Methods of evaluating patient outcomes are explored and implemented in clinical settings. Clinical conferences provide the framework for analyzing students' experiences in transitioning to the nursing leadership role. 28 theory hours; 150 clinical hours. Previously NS 0523.

NURS 6524 Quality Outcomes Management II**5 Credits**

Prerequisite: NURS 6523.

Students in this immersion experience implement the interdisciplinary role of the clinical nurse leader (CNL) to design systems for the effective management and evaluation of patient outcomes across the continuum of care. Under the mentorship of faculty and an agency preceptor, students complete, as their capstone project, an evidence-based organizational change that builds upon a clinical problem examined in previous courses. Projects integrate best practices, principles of effective leadership and negotiation skills, use of information systems to evaluate patient outcomes, and theories of organizational behavior in the design of their healthcare initiative. Clinical conferences provide a venue to analyze students' experiences in transitioning to the CNL role and to explore their role in creating the future of nursing. 250 clinical hours. Previously NS 0524.

NURS 6951 Master's Leadership Practicum**4 Credits**

Prerequisites: NURS 6521, NURS 7601, NURS 7604, NURS 7605, NURS 7608, NURS 7614, NURS 7640, NURS 7641.

This practicum builds upon experiences gained in the Integrated Healthcare Leadership Track to expand student opportunities to apply nursing and healthcare improvement principles in a variety of settings. Students and faculty develop specific practicum sub-objectives that lead to increasing independence and accountability in practice. Students complete a capstone project that reflects critical thinking, decision-making skills, and the ability to incorporate leadership process. The capstone is an analysis, synthesis, and utilization of knowledge from previous courses and experiences. Integrated Healthcare Practicum projects specifically highlight the student's work in graduate electives, specific healthcare interests and clinical expertise. 200 clinical hours. Previously NS 0525.

NURS 6990 Independent Study**1-5 Credits**

Through individually designed projects or activities, students work with a faculty member to study a specific area in depth. Enrollment by permission of the instructor and dean only. Previously NS 0598.

NURS 7601 Epidemiology and Biostatistics**3 Credits**

This course presents epidemiological principles and biostatistical methods for the presentation and analysis of health-related data. Data from a variety of sources will be used to draw inferences about the health status of populations. Biostatistical techniques are used to examine relationships among contributing factors for population health in order to plan and evaluate health services and programs. Epidemiological methods for conducting studies will be discussed in detail, with an emphasis on group and population methods. Ethical issues related to the application of biostatistics and data privacy, such as IRB requirements, genomics, population genetics, clinical trials, and public health epidemiological studies are addressed. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0601.

NURS 7602 Healthcare Economics and Marketing**3 Credits**

This course begins by applying microeconomic theory to the health sector of the U.S. economy with a focus on financial incentives throughout the healthcare system. Topics include the demand for healthcare and health insurance, quality improvement, managed care and the role of government. The U.S. experience is compared to healthcare systems in other countries. Evidence-based skills include cost analysis and business plan and budget development. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0602.

NURS 7604 Advanced Health Assessment**4 Credits**

Prerequisite: Demonstrated competency in basic health assessment.

This core course focuses on the holistic and comprehensive health assessment of individuals and families from diverse populations. Its purpose is to provide a foundation for primary prevention and health promotion through appropriate screening and risk assessment. The course also includes history-taking, advanced physical examination, and the introduction of laboratory assessment data. The course provides students with the opportunity to develop the comprehensive assessment skills required for advanced nursing practice and advanced education generalist roles. Case analysis is used to integrate critical thinking and develop differential diagnosis and treatment plans for clients across environments of care. All students participate in a 1-credit nursing lab, which provides an opportunity to develop comprehensive health assessment skills at an advanced level. Clinical Exam fee for FNP students: Approximately \$400. 28 theory hours, 56 lab hours. Previously NS 0604.

NURS 7605 Advanced Healthcare Policy 3 Credits

The focus of this course is on contemporary health policy, its development and implementation, and ways that healthcare leaders can influence it. Students will evaluate the impact of health policy on nurses, dietitians, consumers, communities, healthcare delivery systems, and the nursing profession as a whole. Resource allocation, along with the socioeconomic, political, legal, and ethical factors that influence health policy will be examined. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0605.

NURS 7608 Research Methods for Evidenced-Based Practice 3 Credits

This course prepares the graduate healthcare provider student to identify practice problems and critique current research for relevance and application to practice. An overview of theory is presented as a vehicle for understanding healthcare research. Basic concepts of qualitative and quantitative research methods will be examined in order to plan and evaluate a practice change. Using an evidence-based approach, students identify a clinical problem to address a specific population or setting, consider ethical issues, and develop a healthcare improvement proposal for implementation. Students use reflection in the evaluation of healthcare system research. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0608.

NURS 7609 Role Reflective Practice for MSN-DNP Students 1 Credit

This online module course introduces reflective practice, portfolio development, and health policy for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice student. The methods, processes, applications, benefits, and limitations of reflection and reflective practice are examined. Advanced practice roles of expert clinician, collaborator, educator, teacher, consultant, advocate, researcher and manager are addressed through exemplars of reflective praxis. Students identify and analyze a health policy issue and develop strategies to influence the political process toward change. 14 theory hours. Previously NS 0609.

NURS 7610 Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice 3 Credits

This course examines advanced nursing roles within a reflective practice model. The methods, processes, applications, benefits, and limitations of reflection and reflective practice are discussed. Advanced nursing roles of expert clinician, collaborator, educator, teacher, consultant, advocate, researcher, and manager are addressed as exemplars of reflective praxis. An overview of the history of advanced nursing practice and reflective practice are discussed. In addition, practice issues are addressed including: the impaired professional, credentialing, regulation, legal, ethical, and cultural considerations. Communication, self-awareness, and partnership are promoted as integral to reflective advanced nursing practice. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0610.

NURS 7611 Population Health 3 Credits

This course presents the foundational skills required for healthcare provider students to engage in a systematic approach to promoting population health. Evidence-based strategies inform how to identify and assess at-risk populations, implement both preventive and therapeutic interventions, and assess outcomes at the population level. Models of health promotion and illness prevention synthesize psychological, biophysical, cultural, and social dimensions to analyze population-based health outcomes. Social determinants of health, Healthy People 2020/2030, and other national initiatives are examined as a basis for moving beyond individual interventions to promote change and health equity, and to support population health at institutional, local, state, and national levels. The impact of population health interventions are analyzed based on national programs, trends, and standards. Previously NS 0611.

NURS 7612 Research Translation for Clinical Practice 3 Credits

Prerequisites: NURS 7601, NURS 7608.

This course focuses on the critical analysis, synthesis and application of qualitative and quantitative research methods for improvement of outcome indicators at the individual, family, system and population level. Emphasis will be placed on current paradigms of scholarship including Boyer's Model of Scholarship and the philosophy of reflective practice, bridging the gap between research and practice, and outcome assessment in healthcare. The evaluation of instruments to measure quantitative outcomes and methods of qualitative analysis will be examined, and ethical and legal considerations will be addressed as they relate to the IRB process. The process of identifying potential sources of grant funding and models of long-term program evaluation will also be explored. Students will develop an IRB-ready project proposal based upon a previously identified practice problem within their area of specialization. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0612.

NURS 7613 Finance and Quality Management in Healthcare Organizations 3 Credits

This course emphasizes finance and quality management in today's complex healthcare system from a historical perspective. Using quality improvement models, students analyze the impact of human factors, processes, and structures on healthcare quality and safety outcomes. Principles of organizational culture, risk management, and economics are considered in planning for translating existing evidence into system-wide improvement initiatives. Effective strategies are evaluated for managing the ethical dilemmas inherent in patient care and healthcare organizations. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0613.

NURS 7614 Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement 3 Credits

This course focuses on the evaluation and utilization of information systems and technology in order to support and improve patient care and health care systems, provide leadership within health care systems and/or academic settings and impact quality improvement initiatives with emphasis on the macro and meso system levels. Discussion focuses on the design, selection and utilization of information systems as a means to evaluate programs of care, outcomes of care and care systems. In addition, students will evaluate the use of information systems and technology resources to implement quality improvement initiatives, support practice and administrative decision-making, and apply budgetary and productivity tools to support and improve patient outcomes. Discussion of the legal, ethical and cultural issues as they relate to the use of information technology for improvement of health care will be woven throughout the course. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0614.

NURS 7615 Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration 3 Credits

The intent of this course is to facilitate the development of collaborative leadership skills for healthcare providers to lead and improve outcomes and facilitate the design of high performing clinical settings in a global society. Theories of leadership, management, and organizational behavior such as vision, motivation, group dynamics, interpersonal relations, negotiation, organizational politics, career development, job design, communication, conflict management, and consultative processes are applied to healthcare settings. Emphasis is on collaboration with interprofessional teams to improve outcomes for patients, families, staff, and healthcare systems. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0615.

NURS 7620 Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology 3 Credits

This course focuses on the physiological processes central to biophysical and psycho-pathologic alterations of function across the lifespan. Analysis of physiologic responses and implications of genetics and genomics with illness are included. Interpretation of laboratory data for patient management of acute and chronic disease is discussed. Skills in the analysis of nutritional components of disease prevention and management will be included.

NURS 7640 Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology 4 Credits

The course focuses on the physiological processes central to biophysical and psychopathologic alterations of function across the lifespan. Analysis of physiologic responses and implications of genetics and genomics with illness are included. Interpretation of laboratory data for patient management of acute and chronic disease is discussed. Students analyze case studies of hospitalized and primary care patient scenarios. 56 theory hours. Previously NS 0640.

NURS 7641 Advanced Pharmacology 3 Credits

Prerequisite: NURS 7620 or NURS 7640 or NURS 7669.

This course focuses on the pharmacotherapeutic principles of drugs most commonly prescribed by advanced practice nurses and evaluated by advanced education nurses. Emphasis is placed on the process of selecting appropriate agents for the patient's genetic profile, and monitoring adverse drug reactions or interactions with prescription, over-the-counter and alternative therapies. The role of the advanced practice nurse and advanced education nurse in educating and counseling patients across the life span with regard to medication use and the unique affect on individuals is discussed. This course is designed to meet the pharmacology requirement for APRN licensure in Connecticut. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0641.

NURS 7642 Adult Health I 3 Credits

Prerequisites: NURS 7604, NURS 7641.

This course focuses on the primary healthcare of the adolescent, adult, and older adult, particularly regarding the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, management, and evaluation of risk factors and problems commonly encountered by the advanced practice nurse. Management of both the physical and behavioral mental health issues common to adult acute and chronic health problems is included. The identification and clinical management of abnormal findings generated from age-appropriate screenings, genetic history, and cultural assessments are addressed. Case studies depicting problems encountered from adolescence through older adulthood are discussed. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking and clinical judgment as they relate to the development of appropriate differential diagnoses. Additionally students learn pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to the management of problems in interprofessional teams, participate in shared decision making with patients/families regarding treatment options, as well as manage target goal evaluation. Nationally accepted evidence-based practice guidelines for frequent ICD code diagnoses and review of treatment costs are analyzed. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0642.

NURS 7643 Adult Health II 4 Credits

Prerequisite: NURS 7642.

This course focuses on the primary healthcare of the adolescent, adult, and older adult, particularly regarding the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, management, and evaluation of risk factors and problems commonly encountered by the advanced practice nurse. Management of both the physical and behavioral mental health issues common to adult acute and chronic health problems is included. The identification and clinical management of abnormal findings generated from age-appropriate screenings, genetic history, and cultural assessments are addressed. Case studies depicting problems encountered from adolescence through older adulthood are discussed. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking and clinical judgment as they relate to the development of appropriate differential diagnoses. Additionally, students learn pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to the management of problems in interprofessional teams, participate in shared decision making with patients/families regarding treatment options as well as managed target goal evaluation. Nationally accepted evidence-based practice guidelines for frequent ICD code diagnoses and review of treatment costs are analyzed. 56 theory hours. Previously NS 0643.

NURS 7645 Care of Children and Families 3 Credits

Corequisite: NURS 7952.

Prerequisite: NURS 7643.

The assessment, diagnosis, treatment, management, and evaluation of risk factors and health problems of children, adolescents and families across environments of care are addressed. Consideration is given to the unique needs of culturally diverse patients, as well as the management of both physical and behavioral mental health manifestations commonly associated with acute and chronic health problems in primary care. The identification and clinical management of abnormal findings generated from age-appropriate assessments are a focus within this course. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking and clinical judgment as they relate to the development of appropriate differential diagnoses and approaches to the interprofessional health management including participation and shared decision making with children and parents regarding treatment options. Nationally accepted evidence-based practice guidelines are followed. Family theory is studied along with the impact of illness and violence on the family. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0645.

NURS 7647 Care of At-Risk Populations 3 Credits

Corequisite: NURS 7953.

Prerequisites: NURS 7645.

This course focuses on the complex management of primary care problems experienced by individuals across the lifespan. Risk factors including infectious disease, inflammatory state, immunological deficiency, obesity, age, genetic predisposition, psychosocial status, and behavioral health problems and how they influence the management of an individual's health status are studied. The impact of issues such as mistreatment, abuse, homelessness, incarceration, and end-of-life concerns on healthcare needs are also examined. Students will explore issues of healthcare delivery across environments of care as they integrate all aspects of the advanced practice nurse role including shared decision making and interprofessional collaboration. Additional pharmacology is discussed for each system for a minimum of five hours. Reflective practice techniques are used to document selective patient encounters. A culminating project, selected by faculty and student, involving synthesis and use of knowledge from previous coursework and practica experiences is required. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0647.

NURS 7650 Psychopathology**3 Credits**

This course examines theories of personality and development with an aim to understand what motivates human behavior. The neurophysiology of psychopathology is examined within a trauma-informed explanatory model. Approaches examined include attachment, relational, psychodynamic, and social psychology theories. These models are discussed as they pertain to various diagnostic categories and cultural groups with an emphasis on reflective analysis and application to practice. Case studies and reflective application papers are used to illustrate integration and synthesis of knowledge. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0650.

NURS 7651 Mental Health Nursing of Children and Adolescents**2 Credits****Prerequisite:** NURS 7650 (concurrency allowed).

This course focuses on the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, management and evaluation of risk factors and mental health problems of infants, children and adolescents across systems of care. Building on knowledge from preceding coursework, students apply developmental, family, interpersonal, attachment, and neurobiological theories and research, multifaceted treatment modalities, cultural and spiritual considerations in the management of behavioral health problems of infants, children and adolescents. 28 theory hours. Previously NS 0665.

NURS 7652 Mental Health Nursing of Individuals Across the Lifespan**3 Credits****Corequisite:** NURS 7659.**Prerequisites:** NURS 6521 or NURS 7609 or NURS 7610; NURS 7604, NURS 7641, NURS 7650.

This course provides an overview of individual psychotherapeutic treatment across the lifespan using a neuroscience relationship-based framework for practice. Emphasis is on the development of empathy and therapeutic relationship through partnership, shared decision making, recovery oriented principles, and integration of reflective practice. Evidence-based techniques are discussed, which include short-term psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, EMDR, and motivational interviewing. Ethical, legal, age and ethno-cultural considerations are discussed as they relate to the treatment of individuals with psychiatric disorders and mental health problems. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0652.

NURS 7659 Foundational Clinical Skills for Advanced Psychiatric Nursing Practice**3 Credits****Corequisite:** NURS 7652.**Prerequisite:** NURS 7650.

This course focuses on simulated activities in individual and group settings to develop (1) an understanding of group dynamics, group process components, and group members' roles and behaviors, and (2) skills in comprehensive psychiatric assessment and diagnosis with individuals experiencing acute mental health problems. Therapeutic communication techniques and specific interviewing strategies for working with individuals and families across the lifespan who are in crisis and/or seeking mental health care. Those strategies are examined within the context of a reflective practice model. Ethical, legal, and ethno-cultural considerations as they relate to group dynamics and assessment and diagnosis of psychiatric disorders will be discussed.

NURS 7661 Mental Health Nursing of Groups and Families Across the Lifespan**2 Credits****Corequisite:** NURS 7955.**Prerequisite:** NURS 7652.

This course addresses the basic tenets of group and family therapy across the lifespan for the psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner. Students examine major concepts of group development, dynamics, and leadership techniques, as well as approaches to family (including the works of Bowen, Haley and Minuchin), with opportunities to incorporate shared decision making and reflect upon choice of techniques appropriate for different age groups and the role of the therapist. Videotape and experiential exercises are used to enhance learning, and ethical, spiritual, and ethno-cultural considerations are addressed. 28 theory hours. Previously NS 0661.

NURS 7663 Primary Mental Health Nursing of At-Risk Populations Across the Lifespan**2 Credits****Corequisite:** NURS 7956.**Prerequisite:** NURS 7661.

This course is designed to develop increasing independence and clinical judgment in primary mental health nursing with an emphasis on interprofessional collaboration and shared decision making with patients/families regarding treatment options. Building on knowledge from preceding coursework, students apply theories, multifaceted treatment modalities, cultural and spiritual considerations in the management of complex and/or chronically ill vulnerable populations across the lifespan. Evidence-based research and practice guidelines are incorporated into comprehensive plans of care for complex diverse populations with psychiatric diagnoses and mental health problems. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0663.

NURS 7667 Psychopharmacology**2 Credits**

This course prepares the advanced practice psychiatric nurse to prescribe psychotropic medication for patients across the lifespan. Assessing for the need for medication, selection of appropriate medication, genetic and genomic assay testing, medication rule-outs, baseline tests for screening, safe and proper monitoring, and beginning/advanced pharmacotherapy options are discussed for a variety of psychiatric diagnoses. Shared decision making with patients/families regarding treatment options to obtain optimum treatment outcomes is emphasized with respect to issues of adherence and recovery-focused practice. 14 theory hours. Open to nursing students only. Previously NS 0667.

NURS 7668 Palliative Care Across the Lifespan**3 Credits**

This course will cover the ELNEC Core Curriculum, which contains eight modules addressing critical aspects of end-of-life care. These modules include: Palliative Nursing Care, Pain Management, Symptom Management, Ethical Issues in Palliative Care Nursing, Cultural Considerations in Palliative Care, Communication, Loss, Grief and Bereavement, Final Hours and Leadership. Upon completion of the course, student will be a "train-the-train" for the ELNEC Core curriculum. Teaching resources will be provided to allow the student to educate other nurses about palliative and end-of-life care. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0668.

NURS 7669 Advanced Pathophysiology for Anesthesia Practice**4 Credits**

This course focus is on the pathophysiological processes central to alterations in function across the lifespan. Analysis of pathophysiological responses, implications of genetics and genomics, and laboratory data pertinent to acute and chronic disease is discussed. Students analyze the pathophysiology of patients presenting for in-patient and ambulatory procedures using a case study approach. 56 theory hours. Previously NS 0669.

NURS 7670 Human Anatomy and Physiology for Nurse Anesthetists**3 Credits**

This course presents an in-depth study of human anatomy and advanced physiologic principles as they relate to nurse anesthesia practice. An overview of cellular physiology and function is presented. Special attention is placed on the cardiovascular, respiratory and renal systems, as well as the normal neuro-endocrine response to stress. Tests of respiratory and cardiovascular function are reviewed and their analysis discussed. 42 theory hours. Previously NS 0670.

NURS 7687 DNP Immersion**1-6 Credits**

DNP graduates are healthcare leaders who will care for a cohort of patients within their specialty, while using a cross-population perspective to assess, manage and evaluate common problems. The immersion experience prepares the graduate in the design, delivery, and evaluation of evidenced-based care incorporating advanced practice nursing competencies. In addition, students will provide leadership in promoting evidenced-based practice in the advanced practice specialty while functioning as a practice specialist/consultant in the resolution of clinical problems. The DNP immersion experience culminates in the completion of a scholarly DNP Project, disseminated in both the form of a conference-style poster and a publication-ready manuscript. Previously NS 0687.

NURS 7687F DNP Immersion**1 Credit**

See NURS 7687.

NURS 7697 DNP Seminar I**1 Credit**

This seminar provides the foundation for development of the scholarly DNP Project. In conjunction with the first two research courses in the DNP curriculum, this seminar gives students the opportunity to further refine their proposed DNP project aimed at improving the healthcare delivery system or patient outcomes. This project could be a quality improvement project, a practice change project, a program evaluation, a policy development/improvement project, or another project with a focus on patient outcomes and practice improvement. Project plans are developed to include the identification of an appropriate clinical practice problem, the patient/system/population outcomes that the project is intended to affect, the proposed project site, and the proposed steps for implementation and outcome assessment. Students will continue to work with their DNP Advisor in developing the project. In addition, students will identify potential Immersion experiences that focus on achieving program outcomes. Previously NS 0697.

NURS 7699 DNP Seminar II**1 Credit**

Prerequisite: NURS 7697.

This seminar is designed to provide students with the opportunity to synthesize knowledge as they transition to advanced practice nursing at the doctoral level. The seminar reflects integration of all course work and experiential learning in order to demonstrate the students' integration and utilization of evidence based-practice, finance, management, quality improvement, informatics, leadership, ethics, and reflective practice in the management of individual patients, populations, and healthcare systems. Students will be given an opportunity to develop a poster for professional presentation, give case presentations developed during immersion experiences, present drafts of manuscripts and/or practice guidelines, and participate in the peer review process to demonstrate expertise and decision making skills in their individual area of specialization. Previously NS 0699.

NURS 7951 Practicum in Adult Health I**4 Credits**

Prerequisite: NURS 7643.

Students apply theoretical learning about genetic implications, exacerbations, complications, and remissions of acute and chronic illnesses in the primary care of adults from adolescence through older adulthood in various care environments. Under the supervision of a nurse practitioner, physician assistant or physician, students provide primary care to adult patients from diverse populations. Clinical conferences provide an opportunity for discussion and sharing of patient issues encountered in the practicum as they relate to the diagnosis, treatment, management, shared decision making, evaluation and prevention of illness, ethical and cost implications, risk assessment, and health promotion. Reflective practice techniques are used to document selective patient encounters. The advanced practice role components of clinical practice, consultation, collaboration, and education are discussed and analyzed in the clinical conference. 200 clinical hours. Previously NS 0644.

NURS 7952 Clinical Conference Across the Lifespan: FNP Practicum I**4 Credits**

Corequisite: NURS 7645.

Prerequisite: NURS 7951.

Students synthesize theoretical learning about prevention, exacerbation, complications, and remission of acute and chronic illnesses in caring for patients across the lifespan from diverse backgrounds under the supervision of a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse midwife, or physician. Students gain knowledge in caring for patients experiencing or anticipating potential health crises collaboratively with the interprofessional health care team. Clinical conferences provide an opportunity for discussion and sharing of issues encountered in the practicum as they relate to the diagnosis, treatment, shared decision making, management, evaluation, and prevention of illness within the interprofessional team. Strategies for using ethical guidelines, risk management, shared decision making, and health promotion in a cost effective fashion with these individuals is stressed. Students maximize their leadership ability by delivering primary care creatively to patients in clinics, private practices, urgent care centers, emergency departments, long term care facilities, prisons, college and school based clinics. The advanced practice role components of clinical practice, consultation, collaboration, and education are discussed and integrated in the clinical practicum and conference. Previously NS 0646.

NURS 7953 Clinical Conference Across the Lifespan: FNP Practicum II 4 Credits**Corequisite:** NURS 7647.**Prerequisite:** NURS 7952.

Students synthesize theoretical learning about prevention, exacerbation, complications, and remission of acute and chronic illnesses in caring for patients across the lifespan from diverse backgrounds under the supervision of a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse midwife, or physician. Students gain knowledge in caring for patients experiencing or anticipating potential health crises collaboratively with the interprofessional health care team. Clinical conferences provide an opportunity for discussion and sharing of issues encountered in the practicum as they relate to the diagnosis, treatment, shared decision making, management, evaluation, and prevention of illness within the interprofessional team. Strategies for using ethical guidelines, risk management, shared decision making, and health promotion in a cost effective fashion with these individuals is stressed. Students maximize their leadership ability by delivering primary care creatively to patients in clinics, private practices, urgent care centers, emergency departments, long term care facilities, prisons, college and school based clinics. The advanced practice role components of clinical practice, consultation, collaboration, and education are discussed and integrated in the clinical practicum and conference. Previously NS 0648.

NURS 7954 Practicum I: PMHNP 4 Credits**Prerequisite:** NURS 7652 (concurrency allowed).

Practica experiences give students the opportunity to integrate primary mental health skills and meet the competencies required by the PMHNP Program. Focus is on the continuous and comprehensive care necessary for the promotion of optimal mental health, prevention, and treatment of mental health problems and psychiatric disorders. Practica experiences are designed to synthesize reflective practice skills as an advanced practice psychiatric nurse. Clinical sites may include a wide range of settings, such as outpatient clinics, shelters, prisons, inpatient settings, long-term care, and home health care. Supervision is provided by the preceptors in the clinical agency. Group supervision on campus facilitates the consolidation of critical reflection and clinical judgment. All objectives must be met in order to graduate and many will be met many times throughout the practica. A minimum of 16-17 different objectives are documented as met in each practicum depending on the clinical site and illustrated through the Clinical Case Narrative Assignment. More than one Clinical Case Narrative may be needed in order to demonstrate that a minimum of 16 objectives are met for that practicum. 200 clinical hours. Previously NS 0666A.

NURS 7955 Practicum II: PMHNP 4 Credits**Corequisite:** NURS 7661.

Practica experiences give students the opportunity to integrate primary mental health skills and meet the competencies required by the PMHNP Program. Focus is on the continuous and comprehensive care necessary for the promotion of optimal mental health, prevention, and treatment of mental health problems and psychiatric disorders. Practica experiences are designed to synthesize reflective practice skills as an advanced practice psychiatric nurse. Clinical sites may include a wide range of settings, such as outpatient clinics, shelters, prisons, inpatient settings, long-term care, and home health care. Supervision is provided by the preceptors in the clinical agency. Group supervision on campus facilitates the consolidation of critical reflection and clinical judgment. All objectives must be met in order to graduate and many will be met many times throughout the practica. A minimum of 16-17 different objectives are documented as met in each practicum depending on the clinical site and illustrated through the Clinical Case Narrative Assignment. More than one Clinical Case Narrative may be needed in order to demonstrate that a minimum of 16 objectives are met for that practicum. 200 clinical hours. Previously NURS 0666B.

NURS 7956 Practicum III: PMHNP 4 Credits**Corequisite:** NURS 7663.

Practica experiences give students the opportunity to integrate primary mental health skills and meet the competencies required by the PMHNP Program. Focus is on the continuous and comprehensive care necessary for the promotion of optimal mental health, prevention, and treatment of mental health problems and psychiatric disorders. Practica experiences are designed to synthesize reflective practice skills as an advanced practice psychiatric nurse. Clinical sites may include a wide range of settings, such as outpatient clinics, shelters, prisons, inpatient settings, long-term care, and home health care. Supervision is provided by the preceptors in the clinical agency. Group supervision on campus facilitates the consolidation of critical reflection and clinical judgment. All objectives must be met in order to graduate and many will be met many times throughout the practica. A minimum of 16-17 different objectives are documented as met in each practicum depending on the clinical site and illustrated through the Clinical Case Narrative Assignment. More than one Clinical Case Narrative may be needed in order to demonstrate that a minimum of 16 objectives are met for that practicum. 200 clinical hours. Previously NS 0666C.

NURS 7990 Independent Study 1-4 Credits

Through individually designed projects or activities, students work with a faculty member to study a specific area in depth. Enrollment by permission only. Previously NS 0698.

NSAN 7671 Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthetists 3 Credits

This course provides a detailed discussion of basic organic, inorganic, and biochemical principles, and basic physical principles as they related to nurse anesthesia practice. Emphasis is placed upon the behavior of gases and the gas laws, principles of diffusion, gas flow and resistance, acid-base balance, and the biochemical processes necessary for basic cellular function. In addition, the basic physical principles of work, energy, light, electricity, and radiation are discussed with a focus on operating room safety and the use of biomedical equipment. Group discussion is utilized to facilitate the application of these principles to the clinical setting. Previously NSAN 0673.

NSAN 7672 Pharmacologic Strategies in Anesthesia Practice 3 Credits**Prerequisites:** NURS 7604, NURS 7670, NSAN 7671.

This course presents a comprehensive study of the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacogenetics of drugs utilized in anesthesia practice. Students will focus upon the mechanisms of action of inhalational anesthetics, intravenous anesthetics, and neuromuscular blocking agents. Special attention will be placed upon the comparative pharmacology of all anesthetic agents as well as their effects on all organ systems. Emphasis will be placed on the practical applications of the anesthetic agents through case presentations and group discussion. Previously NSAN 0671.

NSAN 7673 Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice I 2 Credits**Prerequisites:** NURS 7604, NURS 7670, NSAN 7671.

This course provides an in-depth introduction to the basic principles of anesthesia practice as they apply to the general perioperative management of patients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on the anesthesia work station, delivery systems, patient monitoring modalities, patient positioning, fluid homeostasis and principles of basic & advanced airway management. Students analyze current best practices as they apply to the development of the anesthesia plan of care. Previously NSAN 0686.

NSAN 7674 Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice II 3 Credits**Corequisite:** NSAN 7672.**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7673.

This course provides an in-depth discussion of the anesthetic management of patients undergoing an array of surgical procedures across the perianesthesia continuum. Emphasis is placed on the preoperative assessment, patient preparation, perioperative management and postoperative care of patients undergoing intraabdominal, orthopedic, and thoracic procedures. Students analyze current best practices in the development of the anesthesia plan of care. Previously NSAN 0687.

NSAN 7675 Clinical Orientation and Specialty Rotations 1 Credit**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7672.

Clinical orientation is designed to introduce the student to the hands-on basics of nurse anesthesia practice. Emphasis will be placed on anesthesia equipment setup drug preparation, basic airway management skills and basic regional anesthesia skills. In addition, students will begin the process of developing patient specific anesthesia care plans on simulated patients utilizing current best practices. Students also take part in an orientation to the PACU, anesthesia pain service, anesthesia preoperative holding area, preoperative testing and respiratory therapy service. These rotations introduce the student to the adjunct hospital services necessary for the care of the patient during the perioperative period. Current standards of care and codes of ethical practice, including issues surrounding wellness and chemical dependency, will also be explored. Previously NSAN 0675.

NSAN 7676 Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management in Clinical Practice 2 Credits**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7672.

This course presents a comprehensive study of the regional anesthesia techniques currently utilized in clinical practice. Basic principles of neuroscience, pharmacology of local anesthetics and ultrasound technology will be applied. Emphasis will be put on the appropriate selection and application of regional techniques to achieve optimal anesthesia and analgesia for surgery and pain management. Teaching methods will include lecture, demonstration and hands-on regional workshops. Previously NSAN 0678.

NSAN 7677 Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice III 3 Credits**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7674.

This course provides an in-depth discussion of the anesthetic management for specific patient populations, coexisting disease states, and surgical procedures. Emphasis will be placed on the related pathophysiology, as well as the practical clinical considerations involved in administering anesthesia and providing appropriate patient monitoring in specialty anesthesia practice. Focus is placed on the management of patients undergoing cardiac, neurosurgical, and head and neck procedures, and the associated disease states, as well as obstetric and pediatric anesthetic considerations. Students will analyze current best practices in the development of the anesthetic plan of care. Previously NSAN 0688.

NSAN 7678 Clinical Correlation Conference 2 Credits**Corequisite:** NSAN 7955.**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7954.

This course provides students with the opportunity to integrate knowledge necessary for professional nurse anesthesia practice utilizing comprehensive case presentations, which integrate and discuss current anesthesia topics, equipment, techniques and practices involved in current anesthesia case management. Ethical considerations as they apply to specific case management will be discussed. This review will utilize a combination of didactic lectures, exams, case presentations and seminar discussions. An emphasis will be placed on neuroanesthesia and the anesthetic management for major coexisting disease in preparation for the national certification exam. Previously NSAN 0683.

NSAN 7679 Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice IV 2 Credits**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7677.

This course provides an in-depth discussion of the anesthetic management for specific patient populations, coexisting disease states, and surgical procedures. Emphasis will be placed on the administration of anesthesia in non-operating room locations including endoscopy, interventional cardiology, and interventional radiology. Anesthetic management of anesthesia for plastics, trauma, burns, and organ transplantation will also be presented. Students will analyze current best practices in the development of the anesthetic plan of care.

NSAN 7951 Clinical Practicum I 1 Credit**Prerequisites:** NSAN 7675, NSAN 7676.

Clinical Practicum I is designed for the novice practitioner to integrate academic knowledge with basic practical application. Emphasis will be placed on basic airway management, function and usage of anesthesia equipment; pre-operative assessment and evaluation, intra-operative management and post-anesthesia management for healthy ASA Class I and Class II patients. The student works side by side with a certified anesthesia provider at all times. Previously NSAN 0676.

NSAN 7952 Clinical Practicum II 1 Credit**Prerequisite:** NSAN 7951.

This clinical practicum provides experience for the beginning intermediate student practitioner who has demonstrated successful completion of Clinical Practicum I. Clinical Practicum II deals with the incorporation and integration of knowledge, skills and objectives for a more comprehensive and complex range of patients and surgeries. Emphasis is placed on the development of independent critical decision making skills as the students begins to gain independence in practice. Previously NSAN 0677.

NSAN 7953 Clinical Practicum III**2 Credits****Prerequisite:** NSAN 7952.

This course provides experience for the intermediate student practitioner in order to incorporate and integrate advanced academic knowledge, clinical skills, and critical decision making for a more comprehensive range of patients. At the completion of Clinical Practicum III the student will demonstrate the ability to manage the anesthesia care of the ASA Class I-V and IE-VE with supervision. Student independence is encouraged as the intermediate anesthesia provider works alone with attending physicians for healthy uncomplicated procedures and supervised for more complex cases. Previously NSAN 0680.

NSAN 7954 Clinical Practicum IV**2 Credits****Prerequisites:** NSAN 7953.

This clinical practicum is designed to allow the advanced student practitioner to integrate all previously attained knowledge and clinical skills into anesthesia practice for all elective and emergency ASA Class I-V patients. At the completion of Clinical Practicum IV the Advanced Student Practitioner will be able to formulate, implement and evaluate a plan for perioperative anesthesia care for adult and pediatric ASA I-V patients and ASA IE-VE patients with supervision, demonstrate critical thinking skills in a diverse range of clinical situations, including off-site anesthesia locations and as a member of the "code team," work in a collaborative effort with other members of the anesthesia and surgical care teams, exhibit ethical and professional behavior in anesthesia practice and function as a patient advocate. Previously NSAN 0682.

NSAN 7955 Clinical Practicum V**2 Credits****Prerequisite:** NSAN 7954.

This final clinical practicum is designed to allow the Complex Practitioner to demonstrate the integration of all previous knowledge, skills and objectives, for the anesthetic management of all ASA I-V and ASA IE-IVE patients. At the completion of Clinical Practicum V the student will be able to function as an independent practitioner and will have met all of the requirements in order to sit for the national certification examination. The complex practitioner will be able to formulate, implement and evaluate a plan for perioperative anesthesia care for adult and pediatric ASA I-V and ASA IE-VE patients, demonstrate critical thinking skills in all clinical situations and patient care venues, work in a collaborative effort with other members of the anesthesia and surgical care team, function as a team leader and collaborative member in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and exhibit ethical and professional behavior in anesthesia practice. Previously NSAN 0685.

NSMW 7620 Antepartum Care**3 Credits****Corequisite:** NSMW 7951.**Prerequisites:** NURS 7604, NURS 7640 (concurrency allowed).

This course introduces students to the theory and practice of nurse-midwifery, with an emphasis on antepartum care. Care of the pregnant woman, fetus, and childbearing family during the prenatal period are explored holistically from each of the following perspectives: biological, physiological, developmental, and cultural. The educational and nutritional needs of the pregnant woman are examined. Students learn how to perform comprehensive assessments on a pregnant woman at all gestational ages, as well as the timing and indication of screening tests during pregnancy. An emphasis is placed on prevention and screening based on evidenced-based research. Normal fetal growth and fetal testing options are covered. Research-based advanced nursing interventions, including physiological, psychosocial and pharmacological interventions to promote, to maintain, and to restore the optimal health of women in pregnancy are explored. Clinical practice guidelines are highlighted and attention given to cultural, socioeconomic and family variations in the provision of care in the antepartum setting. Previously NSMW 0620.

NSMW 7622 Women's Primary Care and Gynecological Health I**3 Credits****Corequisites:** NURS 7601, NURS 7608, NURS 7697.**Prerequisites:** NURS 7604, NURS 7610, NURS 7640, NSMW 7620, NSMW 7951.

This course focuses on the provision of reproductive-based health care to non-pregnant women across the lifespan and on the provision of primary care to both non-pregnant and pregnant women. This course examines current primary care and gynecological women's health care practices and theories from the following disciplines: biological, genetic, psychological, developmental, sociocultural, and cultural. Students will develop critical thinking, clinical care skills, and management strategies for a holistic approach to primary care and gynecologic care of women. Family planning and contraceptive options will be reviewed. Emphasis is on comprehensive assessments and screening recommendations from evidence-based research. Concepts related to health promotion are provided. The primary care management of selected common health conditions affecting women will be covered. Additionally, pharmacology specific to gynecologic and primary care issues will be included. Previously NSMW 0622.

NSMW 7623 Women's Primary Care and Gynecological Health II 3 Credits**Corequisite:** NSMW 7952.**Prerequisites:** NURS 7641, NSMW 7622.

This course is a continuation of NSMW 7622 and focuses on the provision of reproductive-based health care to non-pregnant women across the lifespan and on the provision of primary care to both non-pregnant and pregnant women. This course further examines current primary care and gynecological women's health care practices and theories from the following disciplines: biological, genetic, psychological, developmental, sociocultural and cultural. Students in this course will develop critical thinking, clinical care skills, and management strategies for a holistic approach to primary care and gynecologic care of women. Emphasis is on comprehensive assessments and prevention and screening recommendations from evidence-based research. Having been introduced to the primary care and gynecologic health promotion and maintenance of women in NSMW 7622, this course will explore beyond these concepts, and further examine the abnormal conditions in the primary care and gynecologic setting. Pharmacology specific to women's health and abnormal conditions will be covered in depth. Attention will be given to common episodic and chronic primary care and gynecologic conditions of women in the healthcare settings. In addition, to primary care and gynecologic assessments, preconception and postpartum assessments (including breastfeeding) will be explored. Developmental considerations, vulnerable populations, and cultural needs, as they relate to health promotion will be discussed in depth. Previously NSMW 0623.

NSMW 7625 Intrapartum Care 3 Credits**Corequisite:** NSMW 7953.**Prerequisites:** NSMW 7623, NSMW 7952.

This course focuses on normal labor and birth and introduces students to intrapartum theory, skills, and management. Synthesis and application of theory and research to effectively implement midwifery care in the intrapartum setting. Focus is on comprehensive team participation and management of intrapartum and immediate postpartum women with normal deliveries. Evaluation and immediate care of the newborn is included. Development and evaluation of evidenced based care approaches is incorporated throughout the course. An emphasis is placed on vulnerable populations to critically evaluate the impact of contextual factors on healthcare services in the intrapartum setting. The course highlights the normalcy of birth for the low risk woman. Previously NSMW 0625.

NSMW 7627 Advanced Midwifery Management: At-Risk Childbirth 3 Credits**Corequisite:** NSMW 7954.**Prerequisites:** NSMW 7625, NSMW 7953.

Building on NSMW 7625, this course will provide synthesis and application of theory and research to effectively implement advanced midwifery care in the intrapartum setting. In this course, potential complications arising during normal birth are explored. Further, common medical, surgical, and obstetric complications are explored in depth. Case studies, case presentations, and simulations are utilized as the primary course format for the students to evaluate patients and manage common obstetric complications. Skills to prevent and manage common obstetric complications and life threatening problems of childbearing women will be emphasized. Skills for immediate assessment, supportive management of the newborn, including physiological, psychosocial and pharmacologic interventions will be incorporated. Students will have the opportunity to become certified in neonatal resuscitation. Interprofessional simulations with the nurse-anesthesia students and BSN maternal and newborn nursing students will be coordinated throughout the course to simulate actual patient scenarios with a focus on teamwork and communication. Previously NSMW 0627.

NSMW 7951 Antepartum Clinical 2 Credits**Corequisite:** NSMW 7620.

As the first practicum in the nurse-midwifery specialty, this clinical focuses on providing evidence-based care and utilizing health promotion when caring for the pregnant woman. Emphasis is placed on the physical exam of a pregnant woman, assessment of fetal wellbeing, and providing prenatal education. Students use critical thinking and clinical judgment as they relate the provision of care to pregnant woman. Evidence based-practice guidelines are followed to provide routine prenatal care as well as to recognize abnormal findings. The assessment, diagnosis, treatment, management and evaluation of risk factors and health problems will be addressed. Attention is given to cultural, socioeconomic and family variations in the provision of care in the antepartum setting. Previously NSMW 0621.

NSMW 7952 Women's Primary Care and Gynecological Health Clinical 3 Credits**Corequisite:** NSMW 7623.

Focus on evidenced based practice approaches to primary care and gynecologic care, specifically, ambulatory management of common, acute, and chronic health conditions of women throughout the lifespan, including preconceptional, interconceptional, and postpartum care. Prevention and screening using patient databases and evidence-based research will be emphasized. Further emphasis will be on physiological, psychosocial, and pharmacological interventions with women. Age-related, cultural, family, and individual patient variations and vulnerabilities will be incorporated into the review of clinical practice guidelines. Previously NSMW 0624.

NSMW 7953 Intrapartum Clinical 2 Credits**Corequisite:** NSMW 7625.

Intrapartum clinical serves as the student midwife's first experience managing intrapartum clients in the hospital or birth center setting and as the foundational course for intrapartum management of the low risk pregnant client. Skills are first taught in didactic and simulation settings, ensuring each student midwife is checked off on these skills prior to beginning clinical. This clinical focuses on normal labor and birth and introduces students to intrapartum skills and management. Application of theory and research from NSMW 7625 will be used to effectively implement midwifery care in the intrapartum setting. Focus is on comprehensive team participation and management of intrapartum and immediate postpartum women with normal deliveries. Evaluation and immediate care of the newborn is included. An emphasis is placed on vulnerable populations to critically evaluate the impact of contextual factors on healthcare services in the intrapartum setting. This clinical highlights the normalcy of birth for the low risk woman. Previously NSMW 0626.

NSMW 7954 Advanced Midwifery Clinical**2 Credits****Corequisite:** NSMW 7627.

Building on the prior clinical course NSMW 7953, this course will provide application of theory and research to effectively implement advanced midwifery care in the intrapartum setting. In this course, potential complications arising during normal birth are explored and care will be provided to women with these conditions. Further, common medical, surgical, and obstetric complications are explored in depth. Further, students evaluate patients and manage common obstetric complications. Skills to prevent and manage common obstetric complications and life threatening problems of childbearing women will be emphasized. Skills for immediate assessment, supportive management of the newborn, including physiological, psychosocial and pharmacologic interventions will be incorporated. Students will have the opportunity to become certified in neonatal resuscitation. Interprofessional simulations with the nurse-anesthesia students and BSN maternal and newborn nursing students will be coordinated throughout the course and clinical seminars to simulate actual patient scenarios with a focus on teamwork and communication. Previously NSMW 0628.

NSMW 7955 Integration to Nurse-Midwifery Practice**6 Credits****Prerequisites:** NSMW 7627, NSMW 7954.

As the final midwifery course, transition to midwifery practice fosters the incorporation of all previous classroom and clinical experiences in order to prepare the nurse midwife for practice upon graduation. This course enables students to provide full-scope midwifery care while still having the advantages of being a student. This course is a final synthesis of primary care, gynecology, antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care, and therefore builds on all previous knowledge and skills from coursework and clinical. Students utilize both theory and evidence-based research to drive care and treatment decisions in the clinical setting. They will become familiar with the responsibility inherent to their emerging role as a nurse-midwife. In the healthcare setting, students will collaborate with members of the healthcare team and display evidence based clinical practice. Within the health care team, midwifery clinical assessment and management skills across the reproductive lifespan into older age will be utilized. Students will safely conduct and deliver evidenced based primary care visits emphasizing disease prevention. They will manage gynecologic, family planning, antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum healthcare visits creating individual treatment plans and attend births in the intrapartum setting. They will manage the care of the newborn from birth through 28 days of life. Students will each have a variety of primary care and inpatient care settings, including optional global health settings as they are available. Evaluation and critique of care approaches of women throughout the lifespan and of newborns is highlighted throughout clinical practice. Emphasis is placed on thorough examination of the impact of psychosocial and environmental factors on healthcare services in women's health. Previously NSMW 0629.