

Description of Courses

*ADN to MSN (46 Units)

BSN to MSN Course of Study (46 Units – Includes 13 Units awarded upon admission)

No clinical or theory courses completed for the ADN are repeated. The community health nursing clinical takes place one day per week for a total of 90 hours. Clinical immersion experiences for the CNL require 400 hours of clinical intensives in local health care agencies.

*Transition to Graduate Education (8 units): Introduction to graduate nursing education builds on the foundational degree knowledge and experience. Integrative learning strategies focus on the baccalaureate essentials, knowledge, and competencies in the areas of: ethics, evidence-based practice, genetics and genomics, information management, leadership in health care, theory, professionalism, and writing in the discipline.

*Community Health Nursing (3 units): Explores the role of the community health nurse presented within a public health framework; emphasizing the concept of community as client. Presents nursing interventions related to groups and aggregates identified as high risk for the development of health problems.

*Community Health Nursing Clinical (2units): Clinical learning experiences provided across community-based settings with emphases on community assessment and providing interventions designed to prevent and/or reduce risk of disease and injury and promote health and wellness of diverse populations across the lifespan.

Advanced Physical Assessment (3 units): Focuses on health and wellness and associated anatomical dimensions, including health within the context of disability; assessment criteria and techniques are examined and developed.

Advanced Pharmacology (3 units): Conceptual and systematic study of pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, pharmaco-economics and therapeutic implications for healthcare practitioners.

Advanced Pathophysiology (3 units): Explores the cellular mechanisms by which disease occurs, the body's response to the disease process, and the effects of the disease process and genetics on normal function.

Leadership in Health Care Systems (2 units): Explores the nursing leadership role in creating and sustaining cultures of quality and safety in complex health care delivery systems; utilizing theories of change and intra and inter-professional communication and teamwork.

Evidence Based Practice & Informatics (2 units): Explores nursing research and information management as the foundation for clinical and organizational decision making and the improvement of outcomes in health care.

Health Care Policy and Ethics (3 units): Examines issues of health policy, financing, and the organization and delivery of health services at the local, national, and global levels.

Resource Management in Health Care (3 units): Overview of health care finance and management of human, financial and community resources to ensure quality, cost-effective and optimal outcomes of nursing care.

Health Promotion, Risk Reduction, and Disease Prevention and Management (3 units): Examines advanced health promotion, disease reduction, prevention, and management with a focus on risk assessment, health literacy, and health education to improve care outcomes.

Epidemiology/Population Statistics (2 units): Overview of population-based public and institutional health including epidemiological concepts and applications, descriptive epidemiology, and measurements of morbidity and mortality.

Quality Improvement Project integrates principles of graduate education, nursing leadership role, and direct care experiences to design, implement, evaluate, and disseminate an outcome-based model of health care improvement; reflective of the nurse leader's role in complex health care systems.

** The role in general nursing leadership is actualized through the following clinical experiences that provide the opportunity for students to observe, participate, and evaluate nursing leadership at the microsystems level; providing a framework to facilitate optimal outcomes within the health care delivery system.

Clinical: Leadership (1 unit-45 hours):

Clinical: Care Management (1 unit-45 hours):

Clinical: Education and Outcomes Improvement (2 units-90 hours)

Clinical: Immersion Role (3 units-220 hours):