NURSING (NURS)

NURS 3110. Health Assessment Across the Life Span Practicum.
This course requires demonstrated competency in the performance and documentation of physical assessments of well individuals and nursing care plans using the nursing process, critical thinking, and evidence-based practice. Apply teaching/learning principles in meeting the education needs of patients and demonstrate measures to maintain confidentiality of personal health information. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 3121. Essentials of Nursing Care Practicum.
This course requires the use of nursing process and clinical reasoning principles to provide safe, effective, patient-centered care. Evidence-based practices will be used when performing essential nursing skills and procedures to care for patients experiencing acute and chronic alterations in health status. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 3221. Essentials of Nursing Care.
This foundation course focuses on basic concepts related to essential nursing care of patients across the life span. Integration of knowledge of family systems, evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, and the nursing process to provide safe, effective, patient-centered care will occur. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Access and barriers to healthcare, past and current healthcare policy, and the professional nurse’s role in policy and delivery of healthcare, will be emphasized. Qualitative and quantitative research in relation to healthcare systems, evidence-based nursing practice, and ethical topics will be discussed. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 3240. Nursing Care Across the Life Span Practicum.
This course uses clinical experiences to apply the nursing process in providing safe, effective, and quality care to patients and families across the life span. Clinical reasoning and judgment will be used to provide ethical, holistic, and patient-centered nursing care, promote health, prevent disease, and manage illness. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 3241. Acute Nursing Care of Adults Practicum.
This course requires students to use evidence-based and collaborative practice principles in providing safe, effective, and quality care to adult patients experiencing acute, rapidly changing, life-threatening alterations in health status. Clinical reasoning and judgment will be used to provide ethical, holistic, patient-centered nursing care, manage illness, and promote health. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 3250. Health Assessment Across the Life Span.
Conducting health histories and physical assessments of well individuals and developing nursing care plans that include patient age-specific health promotion, illness prevention, and risk factors will be emphasized. Assessments will encompass cultural domains, diversity, belief systems, and the implications for traditional as well as complementary and alternative healthcare. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 3260. Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum.
This course utilizes clinical experiences to promote application of the nursing process in providing quality care to those experiencing mental health issues across the life span. Competency in using evidence-based practices to promote health, prevent disease, and manage illness will be developed. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 3300. Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice.
This course explores the history of nursing in the context of the evolving healthcare system. Laws, regulations, and ethical guidelines impacting nursing licensure and professional practice will be examined. The delivery of patient and family-centered, evidence-based, and safe quality care will be explored. Restricted to Nursing Majors. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 3302. Research and Ethics.
Introduction to critical appraisal of qualitative and quantitative research, and application of research and evidence-based processes used to improve decision-making and patient care outcomes across health settings. Integration of theory, information systems, clinical judgment, interprofessional perspectives and analysis of ethical conduct provide a foundation for learning the research process. Restricted to Nursing Majors. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 3360. Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing.
This course applies theories, concepts, knowledge, and skills for the comprehensive nursing care of those coping with mental health issues. Building on a liberal education, this course integrates theories of mental illness, psychopathology, and current research findings as they relate to the presentation of symptoms and holistic management of care. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 3430. Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nurses.
Introduction and overview of pathology, clinical pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics, including how major drugs are used therapeutically for age-specific clients. Other topics to be covered include drug laws and regulations, patient and nurse safety. Prerequisite to NURS 3440 and NURS 3460. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
NURS 3440. Nursing Care Across the Life Span.
This foundational course focuses on the use of clinical reasoning and judgment to provide collaborative care to patients across the life span experiencing chronic and acute alterations in health status. Content is presented based on evidence-based practice and the prevalent health needs of patients. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 3441. Acute Nursing Care of Adults.
This course focuses on the use of evidence-based practice and clinical reasoning and judgment to provide collaborative care to adult patients experiencing acute, rapidly changing, life-threatening alterations in health status. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4160. Maternal and Newborn Nursing Practicum.
This course is the clinical companion to NURS 4260. Concepts, knowledge, and skills taught in NURS 4160 will be applied to both simulation lab and clinical settings. Evidence-based, developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care in a variety of patient-care settings will be emphasized.
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4170. Pediatric Nursing Practicum.
This course is the clinical companion to NURS 4270. Concepts, knowledge, and skills taught in NURS 4270 will be applied in the simulation lab and clinical settings. Evidence-based, developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care in a variety of patient-care settings will be emphasized.
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4201. Professional Growth and Empowerment.
This course focuses on issues related to professional practice, career planning, personal goal setting, and empowerment of self and others. Factors related to job performance, performance expectations and evaluation, reality orientation, and commitment to lifelong learning will be discussed. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4202. Policy, Ethics, and Advocacy in Professional Nursing Practice.
This course explores the baccalaureate prepared nurse’s role informing the public policy process. Nursing jurisprudence, principles of nursing ethics, patient safety advocacy, standards and scope of nursing practice, professional boundaries, nursing peer review, and whistleblower protections are emphasized to prepare students to influence the U.S. Health Care System and society.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4205. Healthcare Information Technology in Nursing Practice.
This course emphasizes nursing informatics and technology used in healthcare settings to research, support and implement safe quality patient care. Nursing administrative applications, pre-care and care support, electronic health records, clinical information systems, telehealth, informatics promoting community and consumer health, HIPAA, and technology to enhance collaboration in healthcare are covered.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4206. Maternal and Newborn Nursing.
This course applies the nursing process and evidence-based practice to the care of maternal and newborn patients in a variety of healthcare settings. The course emphasizes the use of the nursing process to provide care to individuals and families that is developmentally and culturally focused.
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4207. Pediatric Nursing.
This course applies the nursing process and evidence-based practice to the care of pediatric patients in acute, outpatient and non-acute care settings. The course emphasizes the use of the nursing process to provide care to individuals and families that is developmentally and culturally appropriate.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4208. Community-Based Nursing Practicum.
Health assessment and planning will be conducted for diverse community groups including education, support groups/ resources, advocacy, response to situational crises, bio-terrorism and environmental emergencies, group dynamics, and impact on communities. Clinical experiences will occur in community or public health settings. Restricted to Nursing Majors.
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4302. Role Transition to Professional Nursing.
This didactic course focuses on role responsibility and accountability for transition into baccalaureate nursing practice. Emphasis is given to core professional standards and ethical values fundamental to nursing. Principles of professional communication, critical thinking, and role socialization will be integrated within an organizational context for professional growth. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
NURS 4303. Safety and Quality in an Interprofessional Environment.  
This course emphasizes the professional nurses' role in application of 
evidence based quality improvement and risk reduction strategies 
that promote safe environments while maximizing resources and 
opportunities for positive patient outcomes. Participation in highly 
effective Interprofessional teams is emphasized with concepts applied to 
local, national and international health issues.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4311. Nursing Care in Complex Health.  
This course explores traditional and contemporary nursing concepts 
related to complex health alterations, compensations, and environments 
across the life span. Therapeutic communication, education, and 
collaborative interventions with diverse individuals and groups are 
emphasized including the use of complementary and alternative 
modalities to meet the needs of patients. Restricted to Nursing Majors.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4341. Leadership and Management of Nursing Care Practicum.  
Leadership and management skills in a variety of nursing care situations 
will be applied. Nursing unit leadership and staff assignments based 
on assessment of client needs, resources, priorities, and competencies 
of staff will be covered. Assessment and evaluation of the provision of 
evidence-based nursing care will be performed. Restricted to Nursing Majors.  
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 12 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4351. Leadership and Management of Nursing Care.  
Students discuss leadership and management theories related to 
organizational nursing roles, including competencies required for 
complex change, performance improvement, and transformational 
leadership. Organizational contexts - structure, processes, and culture - 
in leading and directing patient centered care are examined, along with 
relationships between governance structures, practice environments, and 
positive patient outcomes. Restricted to Nursing Majors. (WI).  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 4380. Community-Based Nursing.  
Using a variety of philosophical perspectives, community-based 
nursing care, learning to contrast care in hospital-based settings while 
transitioning into organizations within the community will be explored. 
Reflective assessment skills and mindful intervention/teaching projects 
will be developed. Restricted to Nursing Majors.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5102. Advanced Health Assessment Practicum.  
This course emphasizes advanced health assessment techniques and 
skills common to patient evaluation and development of differential 
diagnoses. Advanced physical assessment skills and identifying common 
signs and symptoms related to physical examination will be developed. Restricted to MSN degree students only.  
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 5106. Fundamentals of Appraisal and Translational Research II.  
This course builds upon work begun in the first research course. 
Emphasis will be placed on writing an evidence-based scholarly paper 
or project in collaboration with a faculty member. Presentation of the 
findings and submission of a paper for publication will be required in the 
final semester. Restricted to MSN degree students only.  
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5107. Fundamentals of Appraisal and Translational Research III.  
This course is a continuation of work begun in previous courses and will 
result in an evidence-based scholarly paper or project. Presentation of the 
findings and submission of a paper for publication will be required. This 
is a culminating project for the entire course of study. Restricted to MSN 
degree students only.  
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5141. Reproductive, Sexual and Obstetrical Health Practicum.  
Students will integrate research evidence into practice with adolescent 
and adult patients while working in clinical settings in collaboration 
with other health care professionals. Students will utilize a systematic 
approach of assessment to develop advanced practice treatment plans 
for patients seeking care related to reproduction, sexual and obstetrical 
health. Restricted to MSN degree students only.  
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5202. Advanced Health Assessment.  
This course emphasizes advanced health assessment techniques and 
skills common to family practice. Advanced skills in laboratory 
evaluation, taking and assessing patient history, and diagnostic 
capabilities, which are sensitive to cultural and developmental needs of 
a variety of patients in diverse settings, will be developed. Restricted to 
MSN degree students only.  
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5204. Fundamentals of Appraisal and Translational Research I.  
This course focuses on a variety of interest areas, related research 
and the evaluation of current research trends. There will be critique of 
research methodologies and outcomes into application within the clinical 
setting, as well as exploration of technological applications and student 
data compilations. Restricted to MSN degree students only.  
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
This course will utilize documents from the World Health Organization, current research in the concepts of complexity leadership skills, creating adaptive systems, and new views on communication and intersubjectivity in collaborative relationships within these systems. Research in mindfulness and reflective practice will be employed. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5208. Current Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing.
The current professional and legal issues that influence advanced practice nursing, nursing education and the health care delivery system are discussed. Health care policy, changes in the economics of health care, and their impact on nursing are considered. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5301. Advanced Pathophysiology.
In preparation for advanced practice, this course will expand understanding of the pathophysiology underlying dysfunctions and interrelatedness of the processes of normal physiology and pathophysiology across the continuum of disease and return to wellness. Applications will be made utilizing lifespan perspectives of the process. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5303. Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics.
This course provides advanced knowledge in selecting pharmacologic agents and specific drugs, based on acute and chronic health problems in diverse populations. Knowledge of pharmacologic groups, indications and contraindications, dosing with special needs groups, adverse effects, and collaborative monitoring of pharmacotherapy and alternative therapies will be developed. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5310. Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Practicum.
This clinical experience encompasses adult through geriatric health care in a variety of clinical settings. Application of the principles for developing a differential diagnosis, clinical decision making, designing interventions for patient care, and treatment in a variety of clinical settings will be performed. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 12 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 5311. Behavioral Health Primary Care.
This course includes family system theories and their application to families. Common behavioral health diagnoses, such as anxiety, depression, and co-existing mental and physical illness, are investigated in relation to the human lifespan. The prevalence and incidence of behavioral health issues are considered in terms of diagnosis and therapy. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5320. Pediatric & Adolescent Primary Care Practicum.
Students will integrate translational research evidence into practice with adolescent and pediatric patients while working in clinical settings in collaboration with other health care professionals. Students will utilize a developmental approach of assessing the pediatric and adolescent patient to create advanced practice treatment plans. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 12 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 5341. Reproductive, Sexual and Obstetrical Health.
This course examines issues of fertility and infertility in males and females as well as the diseases related to sexual health. Selected topics in obstetrics, genetics, adolescent sexuality, family planning, cancers, HIV/AIDS, and STI’s will be explored. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5350. Integrative Family Primary Care Practicum.
This course develops skills in utilization of holistic assessment, as well as application of the principles for developing a differential diagnosis, clinical decision making, and designing interventions and treatment in a variety of clinical settings. Evaluation of traditional and complementary/alternative methods for supporting health promotion will also be explored. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 12 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 5351. Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Integrative Nursing.
This course includes nursing theories and the interrelatedness to the advanced practice role. Mind and body interconnectedness, allopathic and alternative care models are discussed. The developmental processes between wellness and illness are considered. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5355. Leadership Science: Foundational Thinking Skills, Governance, & Community & Provider Relationships.
This course will emphasize leadership skills in communication, leadership styles and organizational theory. Communication will focus on conflict resolution, presentation skills, and relationship building. Delivery systems, leadership styles, and demand for nursing will be examined. Complexity science, systems theory, and diversity required for organizing health care will be explored.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5360. Leadership Science: Performance and Quality Improvement.
This course will articulate performance improvement activities using evidence-based metrics to align patient outcomes with organizational goals. Methods for using quality metrics and action plans will be emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
This course will examine areas of risk and liability. Students will develop systems that identify early warning indicators of problems and will explore “just in time” reporting. The concept of sentinel events and root cause analysis will be explored. Accreditation standards, legal regulations, and compliance requirements will be integrated. Prerequisite: NURS 5360.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5363. Leadership Science: Evidence-Based Practice for Nurse Leaders.
The students will explore evidence-based practice (EBP) for nurse leaders. This EBP course will equip nurses with the skills needed to effectively engage in EBP, to serve as EBP champions and mentors, and to lead projects within healthcare facilities.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5364. Leadership Science: Health Care Finance and Workforce Planning.
This course will emphasize workforce planning for nursing and the application of general principles of accounting. Twenty hours will be allocated to the development of a department operational and capital budget in collaboration with a nurse director or executive. Negotiation and monitoring of contracts and contract compliance will be explored. Prerequisite: NURS 5360.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5365. Leadership Art: Ethics, Diversity, and Relationship Building.
This course will explore theories of culture and will include legal regulations that govern diversity. The relationship between medical ethics and corporate compliance will be explored. Methods for creating a trusting environment will be evaluated and the need for relationships with providers and academia will be illustrated. Prerequisite: NURS 5360.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5366. Leadership Art: Health Policy and Advocacy.
This course will focus on the need for leaders to belong to professional organizations to affect policy and advocacy. Participation in legislative activities will be promoted at the state and national levels. The impact of nurse leaders serving on boards that govern health care activities and organizations will be emphasized.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5367. Leader Within: Professional Accountability, Succession Planning and Reflective Practice I.
This course provides a mentored experience for the synthesis of critical thinking and reflections from didactic work with the practice of nursing leadership. Observational and independent learning activities will result in a Part I of the final capstone project reflecting culmination of program objectives.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5368. Leader Within: Professional Accountability, Succession Planning and Reflective Practice II.
This course is designed to be the culminating mentored experience for the synthesis of critical thinking and reflections from didactic work with the practice of nursing leadership. Students will evaluate and present their final capstone project, reflecting summation of program objectives.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5410. Adult/Gerontology Primary Care.
This course focuses on the collection of data, pertinent laboratory findings, diagnostic tests, differential diagnoses and plans for therapeutic intervention. Integration of theory, health promotion, disease prevention, and clinical decision making in a variety of clinical care settings as applied to adults and older adults will be emphasized. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5430. Pediatric & Adolescent Primary Care.
This course investigates the primary care management process to diagnose, treat, and follow up common illnesses of increasing complexity in pediatric and adolescents using family-centered and developmental perspectives. Perspectives of underserved populations in a variety of clinical settings will be explored. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5450. Integrative Family Primary Care.
This course emphasizes the evaluation of clinical indications and contraindications, potential risks, and methods of accessing evidence-based information about complementary and alternative care, nutrition, herbs and dietary supplements. Skills in educating patients, communicating and collaborating with other health professionals, and documenting and reporting adverse events will be mastered. Restricted to MSN degree students only.
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter