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 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 4211. Nursing Care in Complex Health Practicum.
This course focuses on providing care to patients with complex health alterations and life situations. Nursing care to patients in a variety of settings will be provided using the concepts of therapeutic communication and collaborative interventions with a focus on the complexity of the patient’s or family’s needs. Restricted to Nursing Majors
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4250. Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric Nursing Practicum.
This course is the clinical companion to NURS 4350. Concepts, knowledge, and skills taught in NURS 4350 will be applied to both simulation lab and clinical settings. Evidenced-based, developmentally and culturally appropriate nursing care in a variety of patient-care settings will be emphasized. Restricted to Nursing Majors
2 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 8 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

NURS 4280. 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 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 4350. Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric Nursing.
This course applies the nursing process and evidenced-based practice to the care of maternal, newborn, and pediatric patients in acute care settings. The course emphasizes the use of the nursing process to provide care to individuals and families that is developmentally and culturally focused. 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 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 structurces, 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 Hours. 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 Hours. 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.  
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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 theory. Restricted to MSN degree students only  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

NURS 5330. 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 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