UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF NURSING

COURSE SYLLABUS

Spring 2015

**COURSE NUMBER** NGR 6941 Sections 0149, 0705 & 189H

**COURSE TITLE** Practicum in Nursing

**CREDITS** 6 (Credits may be split into two consecutive semesters of 3 credits each.)

**PLACEMENT** Final Clinical Course in the Master’s Stop-Out Program

**PREREQUISITES** All Required Clinical Courses

# **PRE/COREQUISITES** NGR 6740 Role Transition: Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing

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COURSE DESCRIPTION This course provides an opportunity to synthesize advanced knowledge and role behaviors in an advanced practice role within clinical specialty tracks. Students will practice under the supervision of faculty with agency preceptors in an appropriate facility or institution. With faculty guidance, student will develop a practicum plan based on course objectives to include specific objectives, learning activities, and evaluation methods.

COURSE OBJECTIVES Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Utilize theories from nursing sciences and arts to develop a comprehensive and holistic approach to nursing care.

2. Critique and apply research findings to provide quality health care, initiate change, and improve nursing practice.

3. Utilize theories and principles of health care policy, organization and finance to manage fiscal, human, and physical resources.

4. Critically and accurately assess, plan, intervene, and evaluate health experiences (including wellness and illness) of individuals, families, and communities.

5. Apply knowledge of cultural diversity and global perspectives in delivering health care.

6. Utilize legal and ethical principles to guide decision-making in an advanced nursing practice role.

7. Utilize communication and interpersonal skills to facilitate collaborative relationships with clients and the health care team.

8. Develop an ethical framework to guide one's advanced nursing role and foster one's leadership and continued growth within the nursing profession.

COURSE SCHEDULE

E-Learning in Sakai is the course management system that you will use for this course. E-Learning in Canvas is accessed by using your Gatorlink account name and password at <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>. There are several tutorials and student help links on the E-Learning login site. If you have technical questions call the UF Computer Help Desk at 352-392-HELP or send email to [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu).

It is important that you regularly check your Gatorlink account email for College and University wide information and the course E-Learning site for announcements and notifications.

Course websites are generally made available on the Friday before the first day of classes.

**TEACHING METHODS:** Supervised Clinical practice, Interactive Discussion Board

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

Supervised clinical practice with comprehensive and focused clinical visits including histories, physicals, differential diagnoses, and formulation of treatment plans, written and verbal case presentations, written and dictated medical record activities, and analysis of clinical research articles.

**EVALUATION METHODS/COURSE GRADE CALCULATION**

# **CLINICAL EVALUATION**

Minimum Required Clinical Practice Hours: 288 Direct Patient Care Hours

Clinical experience will be evaluated through faculty observation, verbal communication with the student, written work, and agency staff reports using a College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form. Faculty reserve the right to alter clinical experiences, including removal from client care areas, of any student to maintain patient safety and to provide instructional experiences to support student learning.

Evaluation will be based on achievement of course and program objectives using a College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form. All areas are to be rated. A rating of Satisfactory represents satisfactory performance and a rating of Unsatisfactory represents unsatisfactory performance. The student must achieve a rating of Satisfactory in each area by completion of the semester in order to achieve a passing grade for the course. A rating of less than satisfactory in any of the areas at semester end will constitute an Unsatisfactory course grade.

The faculty member will hold evaluation conferences with the student and clinical preceptor at each site visit. The faculty member will document or summarize each conference on the Clinical Evaluation Form or Incidental Advisement Record. This summary will be signed by the faculty member and student. Mid-rotation evaluation conferences will be made available to each student. **Final evaluation conferences with the faculty member are mandatory** and will be held during the last week of each clinical rotation. A student may request additional conferences at any time by contacting the clinical faculty.

Students enrolled in advanced practice courses with a clinical component Typhon to document clinical experiences including hours, practice location and preceptor for their personal records. Students also assess their learning experience using Clinical Site Assessment Form G. Completed Form G is collected in class and submitted to the Coordinator of Clinical Resources at the College. At the end of the clinical experience, the student completes a self-evaluation and the faculty member completes a student evaluation using the College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form.

**GRADING SCALE:** The grading scale for “L” courses is:

S Satisfactory

U Unsatisfactory

For more information on grades and grading policies, please refer to University’s grading policies:

Graduate: <http://gradschool.ufl.edu/catalog/current-catalog/catalog-general-regulations.html#grades>

**FACULTY EVALUATION**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on ten criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu.

# **REQUIRED TEXTS**

All previous and concurrent required texts

**RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS**

None

**MAKE UP EXAMS AND DEADLINES**:

There are no exams in this course. Please refer to attendance policy for missed clinical days and procedures

**University and College of Nursing Policies**:

Please see the College of Nursing website for a full explanation of each of the following policies - <http://nursing.ufl.edu/students/student-policies-and-handbooks/course-policies/>.

Attendance

Academic Honesty

UF Grading Policy

Accommodations due to Disability

Religious Holidays

Counseling and Mental Health Services

Student Handbook

Faculty Evaluations

Student Use of Social Media

Approved: Academic Affairs Committee: 01/97; 11/01

Faculty: 04/97; 10/01

UF Curriculum: 08/97; 03/00