UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF NURSING

COURSE SYLLABUS

Fall 2014

COURSE NUMBER NGR 6941

COURSE TITLE Practicum in Nursing

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

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

PLACEMENT Final Clinical Course in the Master's 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.

1. Critically and accurately assess, plan, intervene, and evaluate health experiences (including wellness and illness) of individuals, families, and communities.
2. Apply knowledge of cultural diversity and global perspectives in delivering health care.
3. Utilize legal and ethical principles to guide decision-making in an advanced nursing practice role.
4. Utilize communication and interpersonal skills to facilitate collaborative relationships with clients and the health care team.
5. Develop an ethical framework to guide one's advanced nursing role and foster one's leadership and continued growth within the nursing profession.

# CLINICAL SCHEDULE

Section Day

6855 Varies TBA with clinical instructor

E-Learning in Sakai is the course management system that you will use for this course. E-Learning in Sakai is accessed by using your Gatorlink account name and password at <http://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.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be present for all scheduled clinical practice experiences and seminars. Students who have extraordinary circumstances preventing attendance should explain these circumstances to the course instructor **prior** to the scheduled clinical practice experience or seminar. Instructors will make an effort to accommodate **reasonable** requests. A grade penalty may be assigned for unexcused seminar or clinical absences. The faculty member will advise the method of notification for absences to the clinical site e.g. phone, email, and notification of facility.

**Graduate students** are required to submit a written calendar of planned clinical practice dates and times to the course faculty member **prior to** beginning the clinical rotation. Any changes to the calendar (dates and times) must be submitted in writing to the course faculty member **before** the change is planned to occur. **Clinical hours accrued without prior knowledge of the faculty member will not be counted toward the total number of clinical hours required for the course.**

ACCOMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITY

Each semester, students are responsible for requesting a memorandum from the Disability Resource Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/index.php/drc/>) to notify faculty of their requested individual accommodations. This should be done at the start of the semester.

COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Students may occasionally have personal issues that arise on the course of pursuing higher education or that may interfere with their academic performance. If you find yourself facing problems affecting your coursework, you are encouraged to talk with an instructor and to seek confidential assistance at the University of Florida Counseling and Wellness Center, 352-392-1575, visit their web site for more information: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Students are to refer to the College of Nursing Student Handbook for information about College of Nursing policies, honor code, class demeanor, and professional behavior. <http://nursing.ufl.edu/students/student-policies-and-handbooks/>

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The University of Florida Student Conduct and Honor Code may be found at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/index.php/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/

# TEACHING METHOD

Clinical experiences and weekly seminar.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Research analysis; written clinical data

CLINICAL EVALUATION 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 a course grade of Unsatisfactory.

Faculty will hold evaluation conferences with the student and preceptor at each site visit. The faculty will write a summary of each conference in an advisement note. This summary will be signed by the faculty and student. Final evaluation conferences with the faculty 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 will use Clinical Experience Form F to document clinical experience 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 Clinical Coordinator at the College. At the end of the clinical experience the student completes a self-evaluation and the faculty completes a student evaluation using the College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form.

MAKE UP POLICY

Students will notify faculty in advance for any anticipated absences, missed assignments due to excused absences, or missed classes. Students will develop arrangements with the faculty to make up missed assignments which must be complete within one week of scheduled assignment.

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: http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=907#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 texts from previous courses.

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Faculty: 4/97; 10/01

UF Curriculum: 8/97; 3/00