UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF NURSING

COURSE SYLLABUS

Spring 2017

COURSE NUMBER NGR 6941 – Section 19A6

COURSE TITLE DNP Practicum

CREDITS 1-4 Variable (48-192 clinical hours) (minimal required hours

dependent on curriculum plan)

PLACEMENT Final Clinical Course in the DNP Program

PREREQUISITES All Required Clinical Courses

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# COURSE DESCRIPTION This course provides an opportunity to synthesize advanced knowledge, skills, and 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.

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

1. Evaluate scientific bases from extant and emerging areas of knowledge for advanced nursing practice.
2. Evaluate decision support systems to solve clinical problems for individuals, aggregates and systems.
3. Develop advanced leadership and collaborative skills to mobilize interdisciplinary teams to solve highly complex clinical problems.
4. Develop expertise to formulate health policy and provide leadership in establishing clinical excellence and creating new models of cost-effective health care delivery.
5. Critically assess, plan, intervene and evaluate the health experiences of individuals, aggregates and systems to provide safe, evidence based care.
6. Synthesize knowledge of cultural diversity and global perspectives in delivering health care and in critiquing nursing systems.

TEACHING METHODS

Weekly clinical experiences and scheduled group supervision

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Research analysis, written clinical reports, oral case presentations,

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 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 also assess their learning experience using Clinical Site Assessment Form G. Completed Form G is submitted under Assignments tab in Canvas. 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.

**Students are required to use Typhon software associated with the UF account to schedule all clinical days and to record patient logs.  The faculty will also use Typhon or otherwise communicate with the student to schedule the site visit.  Students also assess their learning experience using Clinical Site Assessment Form G.  Completed Form G is submitted under Assignments tab in Canvas. 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.**

Section Day Group Supervision

2E30 Varies with clinical preceptor Mondays ONLINE 12-130PM

Student Clinical Schedules are arranged with assigned clinical preceptors. Typhon will be used to record clinical encounters and clinical hours. If you have technical questions regarding Typhon call College of Nursing IT Support at 352-273-6429 or send email to [conitsupport@health.ufl.edu](mailto:conitsupport@health.ufl.edu)

**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.**

MAKE UP POLICY

Clinical hours will be made up according to permission of the instructor and on a case by case basis

GRADING SCALE/QUALITY POINTS

Clinical component

S Satisfactory = Meets course objectives

U Unsatisfactory = Does not meet course objectives

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>

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

The College of Nursing expects all Nursing students to be professional in their interactions with patients, colleagues, faculty, and staff and to exhibit caring and compassionate attitudes. These and other qualities will be evaluated during patient contacts and in other relevant settings by both faculty and peers. Behavior of a Nursing student reflects on the student's individual’s ability to become a competent professional Nurse. Attitudes or behaviors inconsistent with compassionate care; refusal by, or inability of, the student to participate constructively in learning or patient care; derogatory attitudes or inappropriate behaviors directed at patients, peers, faculty or staff; misuse of written or electronic patient records (e.g., accession of patient information without valid reason); substance abuse; failure to disclose pertinent information on a criminal background check; or other unprofessional conduct can be grounds for disciplinary measures including dismissal.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>. Students are required to provide their own privacy screen for all examination’s administered to student laptops. No wireless keyboards or wireless mouse/tracking device will be permitted during examinations.

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

UF Grading Policy

Accommodations due to Disability

Religious Holidays

Counseling and Mental Health Services

Student Handbook

Faculty Evaluations

Student Use of Social Media

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

American Nurses Association, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, & International Psychiatric Nurses (2007). *Scope and standards of psychiatric-mental health nursing practice.* Washington, DC: ANA

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Quick reference to diagnostic criteria from DSM.*  Washington, DC: Author.

Kaplan, H. I., & Sadock, B. J. (2010). *Pocket handbook of clinical psychiatry (5th ed.)*. Baltimore, MD: Williams & Wilkins.

REQUIRED ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

[www.state.sc.us/dmh/clinical/guidelines.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/dmh/clinical/guidelines.htm)

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

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