



## **N7360 Advanced Nursing Practice (Practicum)**

**FNP -180 clinical hours; AH-Gero Primary Care NP -180 clinical hours**

Final course in the primary health care management sequence. Site selection can be in Internal Medicine and Family Practice. Clinical preceptors may be a NP, DO, MD, midwife, or PA.

Note to preceptors: All students will receive a clinical site visit by their clinical faculty.

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### **Course Description:**

The student is provided the opportunity to integrate and apply theoretical and clinical knowledge acquired in previous courses. The student may select the clinical area in which intensive practice is desired. Clinical skills will be refined and evaluated in a collaborative relationship with nurse practitioners, physicians, and other primary health care providers.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Exhibit expertise in applying the nursing process in optimizing health for patients in a variety of primary care settings.
2. Synthesize theories of self-concept and group dynamics in planning, implementing, and evaluation of care of patients and families.
3. Identify and apply effective communication skills in assessing and managing common health problems.
4. Analyze and apply principles of physiology and pathophysiology in the assessment, diagnosis and management of common acute and chronic health problems of patients in all age groups.
5. Identify, utilize and interpret selected laboratory tests to establish a patient's data base in the management of common health problems.
6. Use pharmaco-therapeutic interventions according to standard practice protocols in the management of common health problems.
7. Analyze and apply knowledge regarding factors that impinge upon the various age groups in teaching and counseling patients and families.

8. Recognize and apply the concept of individual responsibility for personal health to strategies of health promotion, disease prevention and health maintenance.
9. Apply the research process in the investigation and evaluation of biophysical and/or psychosocial problems of patients.
10. Analyze, synthesize and evaluate the nurse's leadership responsibilities in the role of practitioner, counselor, and patient advocate.
11. Exhibit a commitment for continuing intellectual and professional endeavors that indicate awareness of the ethical, legal and sociopolitical nature of nursing practice within the health care delivery system.
12. Utilize computer technology in accessing the latest data on the assessment and management of common health problems including patient education materials.
13. Utilize principles of evidence-based practice (EBP) in providing health care for clients.
14. Utilize Healthy People 2020 national health objectives to set goals for health promotion and disease prevention.

**Clinical Objectives:**

1. Perform systematic health histories and physical examinations on patients across the life span presenting with acute and chronic health problems.
2. Identify common recurring and chronic stable health problems.
3. Formulate a problem list based on collected data and identify alternate interventions. Confer with the clinical preceptor as appropriate regarding interpretation of the history, physical examination findings, the selection of diagnostic tests, and the therapeutic management of patients.
4. Choose appropriate pharmacological interventions.
5. Complete health care records on patients with common recurring and chronic stable health problems, including health promotion and education needs.
6. Be familiar with payment systems and processes which affect health care cost, including Medicare, Medicaid and insurance plans, CPT and ICD-10 coding.