

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## NURSING

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### **NUR 6103: Theoretical Perspectives**

This course is designed to provide the student with the skills necessary to critique, evaluate, and apply theories from nursing and related healthcare disciplines. Philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of the nursing discipline will be explored with in depth discussion of knowledge development and theory analysis. Students will study a selected phenomenon in depth and learn the strategies for concept analysis and development.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6113: Foundations of Nursing Education**

This graduate level course introduces the students to fundamental principles of teaching and learning among a diverse population in academia and clinical environments. Students will develop innovative teaching strategies along with traditional and online methods.

### **NUR 6203: Research Design and Methods**

This course focuses on quantitative and qualitative research design with an emphasis on strategies for incorporating current research findings into the provision of healthcare to improve quality of care and care delivery. Students will identify common problems in nursing and healthcare systems, and determine the most appropriate research methodology for finding or creating solutions. Students are expected to critically appraise published research and develop appropriate and creative methods for utilizing current research findings in a variety of healthcare settings.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6213: Epidemiology**

This course will prepare the nurse administrator to study the health-related states of client populations and apply epidemiological, social, and environmental data to the health status of individuals, families, groups, and communities. Students will examine environmental and occupational hazards leading to disease and evaluate preventative and therapeutic measures that are available within healthcare delivery systems. Current epidemic and pandemic issues will be discussed in addition to biological, chemical, and radiological threats.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6303: Law, Ethics, and Policy in Healthcare**

This course is an overview of current trends in healthcare today and the legal/ethical issues with which the nurse manager in healthcare systems may confront. Students will examine contemporary social, economic, ethical, and legislative issues influencing healthcare policy. Such issues as legal liability of professionals, legal compliance, ethical standards and personnel law will also be examined.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6313: The Role of the Nurse Administrator**

This course will prepare the graduate to analyze theories and research relevant to the role of nurse administrator as leader and manager. Emphasis will be placed on the internal and external forces influencing the nurse administrator role. Seminars will focus on healthcare policy, organization, healthcare delivery systems, and fiscal management. The graduate will be able to assume a leadership role in the managing of human, fiscal, and physical healthcare resources in a variety of healthcare settings.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6333: Epidemics and Pandemics**

This course introduces students to the history of infectious diseases and their causative agents, emerging and reemerging diseases that lead to epidemics and pandemics, fundamental epidemiological principles, and surveillance and mitigation strategies. Factors such as urbanization, modern transportation systems, environment, and disrupted ecosystems contributing to the emergence of new infectious diseases and the spread of older diseases will be explored. This course will also examine societal responses to disease, public policy considerations, and the emerging threat of bioweapons.

### **NUR 6403: Non-Thesis Project**

Directed research study of a topic selected by the student, incorporating literature review of current research findings and a written project proposal. This course is designed to provide an opportunity for the student to identify a topic of interest and propose a strategy for implementation of a new program of system change.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6503: Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management**

Prerequisite: NUR 6313 The Role of the Nurse Administrator

This course deals both with human resource issues in the healthcare organizations and with the theoretical foundations of organizational development as an applied behavioral science. Attention will be directed to the dynamics of contemporary human relations in healthcare organizations.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6513: Fiscal Management in Health Care System**

Prerequisite: NUR 6313 The Role of the Nurse Administrator

Financial management and systems development in a changing health care environment are the focus of this course. This course begins with a basic review of accounting systems in health care facilities. Key concepts such as cost behavior and analysis, budgeting, and internal controls are all explored. Strategic planning and implementation will also be examined.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6526: Nursing Administration Practicum**

Prerequisites: 24 hours of core courses and NUR 6503 Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management and NUR 6513 Fiscal Management in Health Care System.

This course is designed to promote student application of theory to practice. Students, with faculty approval, will select the healthcare setting and nurse administrator for the practicum. Students will be required to plan their studies, set specific learning objectives, and provide formal written reports on their findings. The nurse administrator should work closely with his/her preceptor to assess job requirements, analyze budgets and budgetary needs, and develop a plan to provide quality, cost-effective nursing care to patients.

\$30 course fee.

### **NUR 6603: Crisis Intervention in Disasters**

This course is designed to prepare the nurse administrator to develop a crisis intervention program and to understand a wide range of crisis intervention strategies including pre and post incident crisis education, crisis intervention for individuals, significant other support services, demobilizations after large scale traumas/disaster, small group defusing, and group intervention. The nurse administrator should have the knowledge necessary to assess, plan, organize, implement, and evaluate a crisis intervention program.

\$15 course fee.

### **NUR 6991: Research Thesis**

This course is directed research on a thesis topic selected by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The student will be required to present the thesis in a seminar to faculty and other graduate students.

Note: May be repeated for credit.

\$5 course fee per credit hour.

### **NUR 6992: Research Thesis**

This course is directed research on a thesis topic selected by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The student will be required to present the thesis in a seminar to faculty and other graduate students.

Note: May be repeated for credit.

\$5 course fee per credit hour.

### **NUR 6993: Research Thesis**

This course is directed research on a thesis topic selected by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The student will be required to present the thesis in a seminar to faculty and other graduate students.

Note: May be repeated for credit.

\$5 course fee per credit hour.

### **NUR 6994: Research Thesis**

This course is directed research on a thesis topic selected by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The student will be required to present the thesis in a seminar to faculty and other graduate students.

Note: May be repeated for credit.

\$5 course fee per credit hour.

### **NUR 6995: Research Thesis**

This course is directed research on a thesis topic selected by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The student will be required to present the thesis in a seminar to faculty and other graduate students.

Note: May be repeated for credit.

\$5 course fee per credit hour.

### **NUR 6996: Research Thesis**

This course is directed research on a thesis topic selected by the student in consultation with a supervising professor. The student will be required to present the thesis in a seminar to faculty and other graduate students.

Note: May be repeated for credit.

\$30 course fee.