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CURRICULUM GUIDE

FOR THE

THE PRIMARY CARE FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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The Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

The Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program will (1) prepare its graduates to assume leadership positions Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioners in practice settings providing holistic comprehensive care to individuals and families with acute and chronic illnesses as well as health promotion and health maintenance activities or to assume educator positions with primary care nurse practitioner skills in educational institutions; (2) enable participants to utilize and generate research knowledge and theories that focus on the target populations;(3) expand clinical practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities with acute and chronic long-term illnesses in a variety of ambulatory care settings; (4) enable graduates to improve the quality of life in selected systems through primary care activities and health care policy; (5) enables graduates to assume leadership roles of teaching, case management, supervision, collaboration and consultation with selected populations.

The graduates of this program will receive a certificate of completion and will be prepared as Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioners proficient in the identification, management and/or referral of health problems, and maintenance of the individual's and/or family's health at all developmental stages in life, by providing preventive and promotive health care activities. The graduates of this Program will also function in accordance with protocols as specified by state law, and are eligible to apply for certification.

Admission to the Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program

Admission to the Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program at the College of Continuing Education is open to all qualified applicants who meet requirements. However, each applicant is considered individually. Generally, the admission requirements are as follows:

1. A master's degree from accredited program in nursing.
2. Completed application to the School of Nursing and College of Continuing Education with two official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work, including graduate level physical assessment.
3. Current license to practice professional nursing in any state at the time of admission.
4. Evidence of current liability/malpractice insurance.
5. Evidence of current CPR certification.
6. Graduate level courses in physical assessment.
7. Satisfactory completion of a written examination related to physical assessment techniques prior to the beginning of the program.
8. Satisfactory demonstration of an integrated adult physical examination prior to the beginning of the program.

**The Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Masters Certificate Program
Course Requirements**

| | Credits |
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| Nursing 630 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics in Primary Care | 4 |
| Nursing 622 Advanced Theory and Practice of Primary Care Family Nursing I | 6 |
| Nursing 623 Advanced Theory and Practice of Primary Care Family Nursing II | 6 |
| Nursing 624 Preceptorship: Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner | 8 |
| Total Credits | 24 hrs. |

NURS 622 Advanced Theory and Practice of Primary Care Family Nursing I Cr. 6

Advanced Theory and Practice of Family Care Nursing I is a six credit course that focuses on theories, concepts, knowledge and clinical practice skills for comprehensive health promotions, maintenance, detection **and** restoration of health and illness prevention, throughout the life cycle, with emphasis on clients as family members. Comprehensive assessments and management of common acute self-limiting conditions are presented. Emphasis is on the family system as the unit care, with opportunities to apply and evaluate theories, concepts and skills in the clinical setting. The learner develops beginning competencies in providing comprehensive primary family care. This includes an assessment of health status and intervention with the family system. Health teaching and counseling and the collaborative process are emphasized. The role of the Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner is explored from historically, socially and political perspectives. Role implementation is initiated in the clinical practice setting in collaboration with other health care providers. The course content builds on the concepts and theories of primary care and physical assessment skills with additional emphasis on pathophysiology, clinical laboratory diagnostic tests, clinical pharmacology, nutrition, developmental theories, family theory, family assessment and differential diagnosis using a problem solving approach. prerequisite: a graduate level physical assessment course.

NURS 623 Advanced Theory & Practice of Primary Care Family Nursing II Cr. 6

Advanced Theory and Practice of Primary Care Family Nursing II is a six-credit course that provides advanced cognitive and clinical learning experiences with emphasis on primary health care in today's health care delivery systems for individuals and families. The course provides advanced specialization and preparation in primary care of individuals in all developmental stages; families and communities in selected ambulatory care settings. Emphasis is placed on the family as the unit of care within a social system; refinement and extension of assessment and management of stable, long-term health problems, family health care, and community concepts in collaboration with physicians and other health care providers. In addition, each learner I given learning experiences in community organizations to improve the health of a family subsystem based on an interdisciplinary assessment of community needs. Each learner has the opportunity to build on the knowledge and experience gained within an ambulatory setting in the previous clinical nurse practitioner course by analyzing and critiquing the same models,

strategies and skills for their applicability to the complex decision-making processes of an interdisciplinary health care team within a community.

NUR 624 Preceptorship: Primary Care Family Nursing Practitioner Credit 8

Preceptorship: Pharmacotherapeutics in Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner is an eight-credit course, which provides an opportunity for the learner to apply and evaluate theories, concepts and skills in a clinical setting. The learner explores the expanded role of the primary care nurse practitioner as an independent practitioner. Extensive examination and development of the multidimensional aspects of the family nurse practitioner's role is achieved by providing direct intervention to individuals, families, and groups in primary family care settings. Care is provided to families with members of all ages with multifaceted primary care needs. The role of the primary care family nurse practitioner as a collaborator, health educator, and leader is emphasized.

NURS 630 Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics in Primary Care Credit 4

Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics in Primary Care is a four credit course designed to expand the nurse practitioner student's knowledge of pharmacology and therapeutics. The course focuses on concepts, principles, and application of Pharmacotherapeutics used by the Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner in the management of common, minor, acute, and stable long-term illnesses in primary care. Recognition and management of drug-induced disease are also emphasized. In addition, emphasis is placed on pharmacological factors and client issues relevant to complex decision-making regarding therapeutic modalities in Pharmacotherapeutics management of clients. Topics discussed are those most commonly seen in the ambulatory care setting. Students are allowed to complete the clinical and preceptorship hours at locations of their choice with prior approval of faculty. The student is responsible for identifying appropriate clinical settings that will provide preceptorship in the areas of family health, adult health, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology. A portion of these experiences must be obtained with a nurse practitioner preceptor. Specific guidelines will be shared with the student to satisfactorily complete the clinical and preceptorship phases of the certificate program.

Applications may be obtained from:

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