NRSG 498: Internship
Credits: 3 clinical laboratory; may be repeated a second summer, if desired.
Semesters Offered: Su
Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of at least the first semester of junior level clinical courses. Placement subject to availability.

Course Description: This elective course is designed to increase competence and confidence in previously learned clinical skills. The student works with a RN in a cooperating clinical agency for a period of intensified clinical experience. Faculty work with students to place them in appropriate settings.

Course Objectives: The student will:

1. Demonstrate increased competence in previously learned clinical practice skills.
2. Develop increased confidence as a student of professional nursing in a health care setting.
   a. Following orientation, assumes responsibility and accountability for own judgments and actions.
   b. Accepts responsibility and seeks consultation consistent with his/her abilities, knowledge and skills.
   c. Communicates care given to assigned patients verbally and in writing.
   d. Demonstrates ability to plan and use time constructively.
   e. Demonstrates satisfactory level of interpersonal relationships with fellow workers.
   f. Adapts to changing needs of work situation.
   g. Satisfactorily meets the time requirements of the preceptorship.
   h. Presents self in a professional manner.
   i. Takes advantage of opportunities to participate in agency in-service programming.
3. Explore employment opportunities.
4. Identify the various roles and functions of the professional nurse in a health care setting.
5. Students will demonstrate behaviors that are congruent with the ANA Code of Ethics, Scope and Standards of Practice, and Social Policy Statements in all class related interactions. (F6-9, 12-13, T2,3,6,8,13)

NOTES:
(a) See CON Policy C-8 for additional information.
(b) Seniors or advancing juniors enrolled in US Army ROTC who have successfully completed the ROTC Summer Training Program are offered the option of obtaining 3 semester credits for NRSG 498.

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