Credits: 4 (2 lecture; 2 clinical lab)
Semester Offered: Fall
Prerequisites: none
Degree: DNP

DNP Essentials: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII
Graduate Program Objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Course Description: This graduate nursing course addresses concepts of vulnerability and disparity in health and healthcare among diverse and rural populations. Students will examine vulnerable populations. Interactions with the healthcare systems, including access, utilization, and outcomes will be examined. Students will address strategies for addressing disparities in healthcare.

Course Objectives:

1. Analyze contextual contributions associated with vulnerability and health disparities.

2. Examine the interface between vulnerable persons and healthcare systems, including access, utilization, and outcomes.

3. Synthesize concepts and theories to explain vulnerability and health disparities among diverse populations.

4. Analyze the influences of physical/spatial, cultural/ideologic, and economic/resource determinants on the health status of underserved populations.

5. Apply HP2020, WHO strategic Goals, and models of care to select populations to reduce disparities and improve outcomes.

6. Examine rurality as a contributor to disparity and vulnerability.

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