 Credits: 7 (1 lecture; 6 clinical lab)
 Semester Offered: Spring
 Pre-requisite: NRSG 623
 Degree: DNP

 DNP Essentials: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII
 Graduate Program Objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

 Course Description: In this graduate nursing practicum students will further refine their role as a doctor of nursing practice demonstrating expertise, specialized knowledge, and expanded responsibility and accountability in the care and management of individuals and families. Students in the family nurse practitioner (FNP) option participate in the selection of a practice setting such as family health, pediatrics, women's health, gerontology, a broad based primary care, or specialty practice. Students will incorporate a holistic perspective in the management of patients and engage in the formation of therapeutic partnerships in a clinical practice.

 Course objectives:

 1. Formulate comprehensive differential diagnoses related to individual health in complex situations.
 2. Incorporate diverse and culturally sensitive approaches.
 3. Implement and evaluate pharmacologic interventions based on current knowledge of pharmacology and physiology, evidence-based care, and practice guidelines.
 4. Develop, apply, and evaluate nursing strategies using evidence based modalities to treat the physical health problems of individuals, groups, and families across the lifespan.
 5. Evaluate outcomes of holistic primary health care within a practice setting through designing and implementing processes to evaluate outcomes of practice, practice patterns, and systems of health care.
 6. Analyze consultative and leadership skills utilized to create change in health care settings.
 7. Demonstrate leadership skills when analyzing complex practice and organizational issues.
 8. Demonstrate the effective use of therapeutic communication strategies and sustain therapeutic relationships and partnerships with patients and other professionals to facilitate optimal care and patient outcomes.
 9. Apply legal and ethical principles to the development, implementation, and evaluation of nursing strategies.
 10. Demonstrate advanced levels of clinical judgment, systems thinking, and accountability in designing, delivering, and evaluating evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes.

 Practice experience in the curriculum
 Practice immersion experiences afford the opportunity to integrate and synthesize the essentials and specialty requirements necessary to demonstrate competency in an area of specialized nursing practice.

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