

Montana State University-Bozeman
College of Nursing
Master Resource Outline

N522 Advanced Practice Nursing: Roles and Issues

Semester Offered: Spring

Credits: 2; Lec 1; Recitation/discussion 1

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the theoretical foundations and competencies of advanced practice nursing and the employment settings in which advanced practice nursing may occur. Emphasis will be placed on the history and development of advanced practice nursing, advanced practice roles, role transition, spheres of influence (consumers/stakeholders), core competencies, and target outcomes of advanced practice nurses. This course will include core content and a foundation for advanced practice nursing in rural and urban settings.

Course Objectives:

1. Discuss the definitions and historical development of advanced practice nursing.
2. Differentiate professional role characteristics and outcomes of advanced practice nursing.
3. Examine the core competencies required of advanced practice nurses.
4. Describe the spheres of influence of advanced practice nurses.
5. Explore regulatory, legislative, public and legal issues facing advanced practice nursing in rural and urban settings.
6. Demonstrate leadership, communication skills, and ethical decision making consistent with advanced practice nursing.
7. Explore the organizational, professional and personal issues of role transition in advanced practice nursing.

Suggested Course Content:

Advanced nursing practice: Description, historical development, evolution, and need
Role characteristics, role transition
Role competencies and outcomes
Spheres of influence (stakeholders/consumers)
Rural practice issues facing advanced practice nursing
Valuing Roles

Suggested learning activities:

Lecture/recitation

Cooperative learning

Papers/exams

Reading

Case studies

Literature review

Student and guest presentations

Videos

CAIs

Discussion

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