

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Master Resource Outline
NRSG 634 Advanced Clinical IV (NP, Psych/Mental Health)
Advanced Practice Leadership in Community and Acute Settings

Credits: 7 (1 lecture, 6 clinical)

Semester Offered: Spring

Prerequisites: NRSG 633

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: This graduate nursing course builds upon content and skills attained in Advanced Clinical I, II, and III. In this practicum students will further refine their role as a doctor of nursing practice demonstrating expertise, specialized knowledge, and expanded responsibility and accountability in the advanced psychiatric care and management of individuals and families. Designing and implementing processes to evaluate outcomes of practice, practice patterns, and systems of health care within a practice setting is stressed. Methods of collaboration and the dynamics of complex relationships with other health care professionals is explored. The development of consultative and leadership skills to facilitate change in psychiatric healthcare and healthcare delivery systems is emphasized. The application of relevant evidence-based findings to develop practice guidelines and improve practice and the practice environment is stressed.

Course objectives:

1. Conduct comprehensive and systematic psychiatric assessments of health and illness parameters in complex situations, incorporating diverse and culturally sensitive approaches.
2. Implement and evaluate psychopharmacologic interventions based on current knowledge of pharmacology and physiology, evidence-based care, and practice guidelines.
3. Develop, apply, and evaluate nursing strategies using selected psychotherapeutic modalities to treat the mental health problems and psychiatric disorders of individuals, groups, and families across the lifespan.
4. Evaluate outcomes of psychiatric practice within a practice setting through designing and implementing processes to evaluate outcomes of practice, practice patterns, and systems of health care.
5. Analyze consultative and leadership skills utilized to create change in health care settings, and develop leadership skills in analyzing complex practice and organizational issues.
6. Apply conceptual and analytical skills in evaluating links among practice and organizational issues.
7. 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.

8. Apply legal and ethical principles to the development, implementation, and evaluation of nursing strategies.
9. 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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