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NURS 901a, Quantitative Methods for Health Research  
Julie Womack
This course introduces students to quantitative research methods and how to evaluate various scientific designs for investigating problems of importance to nursing and health. Emphasis is placed on scientific rigor, validity, and the critical appraisal of research. Experimental, quasi-experimental, and observational designs are presented and evaluated for internal, external, construct, and statistical validity. The interrelationships of the research question and study aims with study design and method are thoroughly explored. The course prepares students for designing a quantitative study. Required of first-year Ph.D. students in nursing. Three hours per week for fourteen weeks. 1 Course cr

NURS 905a, Intervention Development and Introduction to Implementation Science  
Monica Ordway and Shelli Feder
This course provides students and fellows with the essential elements of development and evaluation of nursing and health interventions; novel models for the processes of design, feasibility, and fidelity; and multiple phases of testing. Basic approaches, frameworks, and principles of implementation science are introduced. Required of all second-year students in the Ph.D. program and open to others by permission of the instructor. Three hours per week, first semester of the second year for fourteen weeks. 1 Course cr

NURS 906a, Dissertation Seminar I  
M Tish Knobf
This required doctoral course provides the student with advanced study and direction in research leading to development of the dissertation proposal and completion of the dissertation. Students are guided in the application of the fundamentals of scientific writing and criticism. All Ph.D. students in nursing are required to take this seminar every term. Three hours every other week for fourteen weeks. 1 Course cr

NURS 908a, Synthesis of Knowledge and Skills for Nursing Science  
M Tish Knobf
This course is designed to develop beginning competencies necessary to engage in a career as a nurse scientist. It includes the basic principles and processes of scientific writing, literature searches, synthesis of research evidence, and presentation skills. 1 Course cr

NURS 912a, Knowledge Development for Nursing Science  
Lois Sadler
This course introduces the historical perspective of the philosophy of science and the relationship to nursing science. Students review nursing’s disciplinary perspective and examine the philosophical, theoretical, and conceptual linkages for knowledge development for nursing science. The course is required of all first-year students in the Ph.D. program and open to others by permission of the instructor. Three hours per week for fourteen weeks. 1 Course cr

NURS 5020a, Nursing Colloquia I  
Daishia Dunkley
Registered nurses are exposed to a myriad of professional, social, and ethical issues that influence the delivery, quality, and safety of nursing care. This course explores these issues and how they relate to national health priorities, vulnerable populations, social justice, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. The course is organized into weekly modules that incorporate the following content areas: Social Determinants of
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Health, Professional Behavior, Social Justice, Ethical and Social Significance of Nursing, Evidence-Based Practice, Delegation and Prioritization, Quality Improvement and Safety, and Legal and Regulatory Issues. 1 Course cr

NURS 5021b, Nursing Colloquia II  Dainhia Dunkley
Registered nurses are exposed to a myriad of professional, social, and ethical issues that influence the delivery, quality, and safety of nursing care. This course explores these issues and how they relate to national health priorities, vulnerable populations, social justice, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. The course is organized into weekly modules that incorporate the following content areas: Social Determinants of Health, Professional Behavior, Social Justice, Ethical and Social Significance of Nursing, Evidence-Based Practice, Delegation and Prioritization, Quality Improvement and Safety, and Legal and Regulatory Issues. 1 Course cr

NURS 5030a, Biomedical Foundations: Health and Illness I  Sharen McKay
This course is designed to guide student learning of factual and conceptual information on the structure and function of normal human bodily systems and then to begin to apply that knowledge to deepen understanding of pathophysiological processes. Three hours per week. 3 Course cr

NURS 5031b, Biomedical Foundations: Health and Illness II  Sharen McKay
This course is designed to guide student learning of factual and conceptual information on the structure and function of normal human bodily systems and then to begin to apply that knowledge to deepen understanding of pathophysiological processes. Three hours per week. Prerequisite: NURS 5030. 3 Course cr

NURS 5050a, Essentials of Health Assessment and Clinical Skills I  Joanna Cole and Kassandra August-Marcucio
This course is designed to provide the student with the essential knowledge and skills to gather a comprehensive health history and perform a head-to-toe physical assessment of the patient. It aims to develop strong, clinically competent nurses with clinical reasoning skills that will allow them to provide high-quality, evidence-based patient care. Clinical skills and competency are demonstrated in a laboratory environment. This course requires four hours per week of didactic class time and four to eight hours per week of clinical labs/skills laboratory to provide the nursing student with essential preparation to enter the clinical environment. Required of all GEPN students. 3 Course cr

NURS 5051b, Essentials of Health Assessment and Clinical Skills II  Joanna Cole and Kassandra August-Marcucio
This course is designed to provide the student with the essential knowledge and skills to gather a comprehensive health history and perform a head-to-toe physical assessment of the patient. It aims to develop strong, clinically competent nurses with clinical reasoning skills that will allow them to provide high-quality, evidence-based patient care. Clinical skills and competency are demonstrated in a laboratory environment. This course requires four hours per week of didactic class time and four to eight hours per week of clinical labs/skills laboratory to provide the nursing student with essential preparation to enter the clinical environment. Required of all GEPN students. 2½ Course cr
NURS 5081b, Nursing and the Community II  Morine Gaitors
This course expands upon the knowledge and skills of NURS 5080 to provide the foundational principles and highlight the importance of community health nursing and public health nursing practice, skills, and science. It moves from a focus on individual health and illness needs to populations and systems for the entry-level nursing student. Fifteen hours per term. Prerequisite: NURS 5080.  1 Course cr

NURS 5090a, Introduction to Drug Therapy  Elizabeth Cohen and Linda Ghampson
Lectures focus on the appropriate clinical use of drugs. Emphasis is placed on pharmacology, side effects, pharmacokinetics, drug interactions, and the therapeutic use of medications across the populations. Required of all students in the prespecialty year. Integrated throughout the curriculum in the prespecialty year.  3 Course cr

NURS 5110a, Clinical Applications of Human Anatomy  Morine Gaitors
The effective assessment, diagnosis, and management of disease depend on knowledge of the structures of human beings. This introductory course reviews and discusses the structure and function of the major body systems. The aim of the course is to combine clinically relevant anatomical information with performance of clinical skills that will form the basis of clinical reasoning. Correlation of anatomical knowledge with clinical presentation both in the classroom and in the laboratory is emphasized. Required of all students in the prespecialty year.  2 Course cr

NURS 5130c, Community Health Nursing and Public Health  Morine Gaitors
This course explores the multidisciplinary theoretical foundations that are the basis for community health nursing practice. Community health nurses provide preventive, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and hospice services across the lifespan. The clinical experience focuses on the delivery of these health services in community organizations. A community-as-partner assessment and diagnosis project, which culminates in identification of a community health problem and potential solutions, augments core seminar content.  1 Course cr

NURS 5140b or c, Clinical Practice Care of Childbearing Families  Daihnia Dunkley and Staff
This course focuses on clinical practice essential to nursing care of women, newborns, and their families throughout the childbearing cycle and the neonatal period. Clinical settings include hospital and ambulatory care.  2 Course cr

NURS 5150b and NURS 5151c, Care of Childbearing Families  Sascha James-Conterelli
This course presents theory essential to the provision of nursing care to childbearing families throughout the childbearing cycle, the neonatal period, and the pre- and interconceptional phases. Application of the nursing process as it relates to the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health is emphasized. Required of all students in the prespecialty year.  1 Course cr

NURS 5160a, Clinical Practice of Care of the Adult Patient  Jennifer McIntosh, Charleen Jacobs, and Sandy Cayo
This course focuses on the scientific principles, psychomotor techniques, and communication skills fundamental to nursing practice. Sociocultural variations influencing patient care are introduced. Faculty guide small groups of students in individually planned clinical experiences that provide opportunities to use the nursing process in caring for the hospitalized adult with selected pathophysiological problems.
Experience also includes weekly clinical conferences and selected observational experiences. 2½ Course cr

**NURS 5170a, Nursing Care of Adult Patient I**  Charleen Jacobs and Sandy Cayo
This full-year course (with NURS 5171) focuses on pathophysiological problems in the adult in the acute care setting, including the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health. Required of all students in the prespecialty year. Two hours per week.  2 Course cr

**NURS 5171b, Nursing Care of Adult Patient II**  Charleen Jacobs and Sandy Cayo
This full-year course (with NURS 5170) focuses on pathophysiological problems in the adult in the acute care setting, including the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health. Required of all students in the prespecialty year. Two hours per week.  2 Course cr

**NURS 5180b or c, Clinical Practice in Pediatric Nursing**  Wendy Mackey
Utilizing a family-centered approach, this course provides clinical experience in identifying and assessing children's physiological and developmental needs, and planning, implementing, and evaluating a plan of nursing care to meet the needs of a particular child and the child's family in health care settings. Students have opportunities to use principles of growth and development, knowledge of the child's and family's physical and emotional responses to illness, and principles of pediatric nursing in caring for children and their families. The student gains skill and knowledge in the nursing role and an appreciation for the importance of utilizing research findings in practice and collaborating with other health professionals.  2 Course cr

**NURS 5190b and NURS 5191c, Pediatric Nursing**  Wendy Mackey
This course presents theory essential to promote health and adaptation to illness for children and their families. Emphasis is placed on growth and development, as well as pathophysiological, social, environmental, and cultural factors that influence children's and families’ response to health and illness. Required of all students in the prespecialty year.  1 Course cr

**NURS 5200b, Clinical Practice in Psychiatric–Mental Health Nursing**  Jennifer McIntosh
This course builds on skills learned in medical-surgical nursing by providing clinical experience in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating a plan of nursing care to meet the unique needs of patients with acute and chronic psychiatric disabilities across the lifespan. Students gain skills in the use of therapeutic communication, working with the interdisciplinary team, and implementing all phases of the nurse-patient relationship while applying concepts taught in NURS 5210.  2 Course cr

**NURS 5210b, Psychiatric–Mental Health Nursing**  Jennifer McIntosh and Max Greger-Moser
In combination with NURS 5200, this seminar provides the foundations of understanding and treating psychiatric disabilities within a bio-psycho-social-spiritual-cultural-theoretical framework of health promotion and disease prevention related to both mental health and mental illness. Course content includes the pathophysiology, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and evaluation of cognitive, perceptual, emotional, behavioral, and interpersonal symptoms associated with common psychiatric diagnoses for individuals with mental illness and their families across the lifespan. Students
analyze the economic, legal, and ethical issues that influence care in a variety of settings. Four hours per week, first half of spring or summer term, as assigned. 2 Course cr

**NURS 6000a, Advanced Health Assessment**  Nicole Colline, Martha Swartz, and Ami Marshall

This course is designed to provide the advanced practice and midwifery student with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to conduct a comprehensive, focused health history and physical examination and includes core content regarding assessment of all human systems, advanced assessment techniques, concepts, and approaches. Emphasis is on the assessment of physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural dimensions of health, as well as factors that influence behavioral responses to health and illness. Normal/abnormal variations in physical exam findings and differential diagnoses will be presented. Content includes assessment of individuals of diverse and special populations, including transgender, LGBTQIA, geriatric, pediatric and individuals with disabilities. Through this course, students will also participate in Interprofessional Longitudinal Clinical Experience (ILCE) learning in collaboration with the Yale Schools of Medicine (including the Physician Associate Program) and Public Health in focus areas pertinent to the health history and institutional/structural barriers to effective health care. This course is required for all students in the first semester of MSN program enrolled in the Adult/Gero Primary and Acute Care Specialties, Family Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwifery, Women's Health and Psychiatric Mental Health Specialties. 3 Course cr

**NURS 6010a, Advanced Pathophysiology**  Mary-Ann Cyr

This course provides students with advanced physiologic and pathophysiologic concepts central to understanding maintenance of health and the prevention and management of disease across the lifespan. Content on cellular function, genetics, immunology, inflammation, infection, and stress and adaptation provides the framework on which further specialty content knowledge is built. Current research, case studies, and application to advanced nursing practice are highlighted. This is a core course. Required of all M.S.N. students in the first year of specialization. 3 Course cr

**NURS 6020b, Advanced Pharmacology**  Elizabeth Cohen

This course is designed for APRN and master’s-level students to build upon their introduction to drug therapy course. Principles of pharmacology are presented through the study of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. Emphasis is placed on drug categories, mechanisms of action, and side effects. Following initial content on general principles, applied interpretation of some of the most common clinical indications and considerations for prescribing are addressed. Student participation demonstrates understanding of clinical applications of pharmacologic principles and concepts. This is a core course. Required of all M.S.N. students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

**NURS 6040b, Statistics and Research for Evidence-Based Practice Nursing**  Neesha Ramchandani and David Vlahov

This course provides theoretical and practical experience in appraisal and application of research evidence into practice. The emphasis is on applying that knowledge to the critique of published research. This is a core course. Required of all M.S.N. students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week and online modules. 3 Course cr
NURS 6050a, Transitions to Professional Practice  Jonathan Johnson and Neesha Ramchandani

Advanced practice nursing occurs in contexts that inevitably influence practice. This course provides students an integrative experience in applying health policy, organizational, regulatory, safety, quality, and ethical concepts to care. It provides the opportunity for students to explore the theoretical and practical considerations underlying the roles of advanced practice nurses (leader, educator, researcher, advocate, clinician, and consultant). The course is organized into modules incorporating the following content areas, explored utilizing a case-based approach: Regulation and Scope of Practice; Leadership and Organizational Dynamics; Health Care Access, Coverage, and Finance; Clinical Ethics; and Safety and Quality. This is a core course. Required of all M.S.N. students in the final year. This is a hybrid course that includes on-site interactive seminars as well as online asynchronous sessions. Group work and preparation are expectations outside of the classroom. 2 Course cr

NURS 6060a, Promoting Health in the Community  Jennifer McIntosh and Daihnia Dunkley

This course is a synthesis and application of the process of health promotion, public health, community organization, and epidemiological principles. Emphasis is on prevention of disease, health maintenance, health promotion, and care of the sick within households, families, groups, and communities, across the lifespan. This is a core course. Required of all M.S.N. students in the final year. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

NURS 6070a, Mental Health Management for Advanced Practice Nurses  Staff

The focus of this course is to provide the foundation for management of commonly occurring mental health problems using the therapeutic relationship and basic models for intervention including stress management, crisis intervention, motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral techniques, and pharmacotherapy. Diagnostic assessment, monitoring, and referral to specialty care and community resources are emphasized. Roles in management of commonly occurring mental health problems (anxiety, depression, sleep disturbance) and collaboration to manage severe and persistent mental illness (including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance use, and eating disorders) and referral to community and psychiatric resources are examined. Required of all adult gerontology primary care, family, and midwifery/women's health nurse practitioner students. Open to others with permission of the instructor. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

NURS 6080a, Master's Independent Study  Staff

This elective study is initiated by the student and negotiated with faculty. The purpose is to allow in-depth pursuit of individual areas of interest and/or practice. A written proposal must be submitted and signed by the student, the faculty member(s), and the appropriate specialty director. Credit varies according to the terms of the contract. 1 Course cr

NURS 6100a, Advanced Concepts and Principles of Diabetes Care  Elizabeth Doyle

This seminar focuses on the concepts and principles of diabetes managed care based on the annually updated American Diabetes Association Standards of Care. It includes principles of primary care (screening, early detection, intervention, and patient education), secondary care principles related to diabetes management (various treatment modalities, patient education, and self-care), and tertiary care related to
complications. These concepts and principles of care are presented relative to type of diabetes (type 1, type 2, gestational, diabetes in pregnancy, and secondary), age, developmental stage, duration of disease, and ethnicity. A multidisciplinary approach to care issues is emphasized, incorporating the contributions of other disciplines in the collaborative management of diabetes. Important aspects of living with a chronic illness such as psychological, social, occupational, and economic are also emphasized. Required of all students in the diabetes care concentration in the final year. Two hours per week.

NURS 6110a and NURS 6111b, Clinical Practice in Diabetes Care and Management
Elizabeth Doyle
The focus of this practicum is comprehensive management of a caseload of patients with diabetes specific to the student’s elected specialty (adult/gerontology acute care, adult/gerontology primary care, family, midwifery/women’s health, and pediatric). The spring term is an extension of the fall and focuses on the management of common problems related to long-term diabetes complications, encouraging clinical decision-making and management of comorbidities. Student’s clinical practicum in diabetes care is in various settings specific to student’s specialty program. Required of all students in the diabetes care concentration in the final year. Four hours per week of practice required both terms. One and one-half hours of clinical conference per week.

NURS 6120b, Principles of Advanced Oncology Practice  Marianne Davies
This course introduces students to the principles of advanced oncology nursing practice. It focuses on (1) the problem of cancer—the epidemiology, biology, genetics, and immunology of cancer; (2) advanced practice nursing across the cancer care continuum (prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, chronic illness, and end of life), emphasizing nursing strategies for promoting patient- and family-centered care; and (3) the treatment of cancer, exploring the mechanisms of action, efficacy, and short- and long-term side effects of experimental and common traditional anticancer treatment modalities, as well as complementary, palliative, and supportive care. Required of all students in the oncology concentration in the first year of specialization.

NURS 6130a and NURS 6131b, Advanced Management of Clinical Problems in Oncology  Marianne Davies and Vanna Dest
This course focuses on assessment and management of complex clinical problems of adults with cancer. The role of the advanced practice nurse and the use of clinical practice guidelines to support evidence-based practice are emphasized. Required of all students in the oncology concentration in the final year. Prerequisite: NURS 6120.

NURS 6140a and NURS 6141b, Clinical Practicum for Oncology Nurse Practitioners  Marianne Davies
The goal of this practicum is to prepare students to comprehensively manage a caseload of adults with cancer. Emphasis is on anticipation of high-incidence clinical problems, development of clinical reasoning in assessment, differential diagnosis, and formulation of management strategies. The practice sites provide opportunities to understand cancer care along the trajectory of illness from diagnosis to death/bereavement, develop clinical leadership skills, and deliver high-quality supportive care to patients and families across the disease trajectory. Required of all students in the oncology
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concentration in the final year. Four hours per week of clinical experience plus one hour per week of clinical conference. 1½ Course cr per term

**NURS 6150a, Research Seminar I**  Monica Ordway
In this course, students are assigned to a research practicum experience, set goals for the research practicum with the faculty conducting the research, and identify barriers and facilitators to the conduct of research in health and illness. Students identify a clinical research problem and review the literature about the problem. Required of M.S.N. students in the research concentration. Open to other master’s students with permission of the instructor. 2 Course cr

**NURS 6160b, Research Seminar II**  Monica Ordway
In this course, students continue working on their research practicum experience, set goals for the research practicum with the faculty conducting the research, and identify barriers and facilitators to the conduct of health research. Students also develop a research proposal in their area of interest. Required of M.S.N. students in the research concentration. Open to other master’s students with permission of the instructor. 2 Course cr

**NURS 6180b, Introduction to Health Disparities in LGBTQI+ People**  Nathan Levitt
This course is a foundational course designed to provide the student with an introduction to the social, racial, and economic disparities as well as the clinical care of LGBTQI+ patients. The course is taught through the cultural safety framework in which students are asked to view patient care through the lens of addressing barriers to care including system, institutional, and knowledge barriers to providing health care services. This course serves to prepare future nurse practitioners/midwives to care for common clinical issues seen in LGBTQI+ patients and communities. Students are provided with an introduction to primary care for transgender and non-binary (TGNB) patients including hormone administration, surgical intervention, sexual health and fertility, and general health promotion. The role of the nurse practitioner/midwife as a member of the health care delivery team is emphasized. Open to all specialty programs. 2 Course cr

**NURS 6200a, Specialized Primary Care of LGBTQI+ Patients and Communities**  Nathan Levitt
Gender and Sexuality Health Justice II (GSHJ II) is the final didactic course of the GSHJ concentration to prepare future nurse practitioners and midwives for competence in common clinical issues encountered in LGBTQI+ populations. Topics include in-depth primary care management experienced by LGBTQI+ patients, health justice organizing, advocacy, sustainability, and leadership development. This course continues the focus on social, racial, and economic disparities through the lens of addressing systemic and institutional barriers to care and integrates learning from the GSHJ didactic courses and clinical experiences towards preparing students for their future careers in the field of gender and sexuality health justice care. This course is open to all specialty students. Prerequisite: NURS 6180 2 Course cr

**NURS 6202a or b, Gender and Sexuality Health Justice (GSHJ) Clinical**  Nathan Levitt
This clinical conference course builds upon the experiences gained in specialty clinical courses. This clinical provides students further opportunity to develop advanced nursing skills with LGBTQI+ patients, including specialized clinical judgment and
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NURS 6210a and NURS 6211b, Advanced Primary Care and Community Health  Ami Marshall
This interdisciplinary, year-long (N6210 fall term, N6211 spring term) course with the medical school provides the learner with an experience in delivering interdisciplinary primary care to an under-resourced community at an urban medical clinic through a rotation at HAVEN, the Yale student-run free clinic. Students are assigned at the HAVEN clinic for eight Saturdays in total. Students engage in near-peer teaching with other medical, physician associate, and nurse practitioner students. Didactic curriculum consists of foundational knowledge regarding teaching skills, cultural competency, and community-based systems to support under-resourced patients in community health settings. This course is available to all FNP, AGPCNP, WHNP, and MW specialty students in either their second specialty year of specialization. Students apply for elective and are chosen to participate at the discretion of the faculty. Students may only enroll in course one time; the course cannot be repeated.

NURS 6230b, Clinical Practice I for Global Health Track  LaRon Nelson and Zhao Ni
This clinical application course for students in the global health track provides opportunities to develop advanced nursing skills with a range of global populations within the students’ areas of specialization. While in clinical settings, students develop skills in assessment and management of acute and chronic conditions using evidence-based patient management strategies in accordance with the cultural beliefs and practices of populations of immigrants, refugees, American Indians, and Alaskan native and rural residents. These experiences may take place in YSN-approved U.S. or international settings. Additional experiences with local resettlement organizations such as Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) and Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI) are also available. These experiences may include developing and presenting education programs to groups of refugees, immigrants, or asylum seekers; creating training materials for the resettlement agencies; or serving as a cultural companion or health navigator for newly arrived families. Required of all students pursuing the global health track during the spring term of their first specialty year. Thirty hours of face-to-face interactions either in a health care setting or in an alternative setting, and one hour per week of clinical conference. Taken before NURS 6240.

NURS 6240a, Clinical Practice II for Global Health Track  LaRon Nelson and Zhao Ni
This clinical application course for students in the global health track provides opportunities to develop advanced nursing skills with a range of global populations within the students’ areas of specialization. While in clinical settings, students develop skills in assessment and management of acute and chronic conditions using evidence-based patient management strategies in accordance with the cultural beliefs and practices of populations of immigrants, refugees, American Indians, and Alaskan native and rural residents. These experiences may take place in YSN-approved U.S. or international settings. Additional experiences with local resettlement organizations such as Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) and Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI) are also available. These experiences may include developing and presenting education programs to groups of refugees, immigrants, or asylum seekers; creating training materials for the resettlement agencies; or serving
as a cultural companion or health navigator for newly arrived families. Required of all students pursuing the global health track during the fall term of their second specialty year. Thirty hours of face-to-face interactions either in a health care setting or in an alternative setting, and one hour per week of clinical conference. Taken after NURS 6230. 1 Course cr

NURS 6260a, Emancipation and Justice I: Critical Theory and Perspectives in Advanced Practice Nursing  
LaRon Nelson
This elective course provides an opportunity for students to examine the major foundations and assumptions of nursing knowledge, practices, and interventions. The overall goal of the course is to facilitate students’ development of skills in applying integrative anti-racism as a framework for understanding contemporary and emerging issues related to advanced nursing practice. This course also helps students develop competence in analyzing contemporary health issues by employing a range of critical social theories. We review and discuss research in which nurses and other health professionals applied integrative anti-racism and critical social theories to understand and address health inequities. Class discussion includes global and national health issues. The course is designed for M.S.N. students in their first specialty year. Enrollment is limited. Students may audit the course at the discretion of the instructor(s). 2 Course cr

NURS 7000b, Advanced Skills and Procedures for the Primary Care Provider  
Nicole Colline
This course is designed to teach common skills and procedures encountered in the primary care setting. Through laboratory sessions, students demonstrate achievement of skill proficiency by collecting data, applying culturally responsive advanced health assessment techniques, and practicing said skill(s) on simulated body parts. Normal and abnormal adult variations are presented. Required for students in the Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty. Prerequisite: NURS 6000 Advanced Health Assessment. 2 Course cr

NURS 7020a, Primary Care I A  
Monica Philipp
This course is a foundational primary care seminar module designed to provide the student with an introduction to primary care clinical practice and patient-centered health education. The role of the nurse practitioner and midwife across primary care settings and as a member of the health care delivery team is emphasized. Required of all adult/gerontology, family, midwifery/women's health, and pediatric nurse practitioner—primary care students in the first year of specialization. Open to others with permission of the instructor. Two hours per week for the first eight weeks of the term. 1 Course cr

NURS 7030a, Primary Care I B  
Elyssa Noce
Following NURS 7020, this is the first of three didactic courses designed to enable students to develop the necessary knowledge base and problem-solving skills for primary care practice as nurse practitioners. Classes focus on health promotion, disease prevention, differential diagnoses, and evidence-based management of common health conditions in diverse populations of patients from adolescence to senescence. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care, family, and midwifery/women's health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week for seven weeks. 1 Course cr
NURS 7040b, Primary Care II  Meghan Garcia
This is the second of three didactic courses designed to enable students to gain the problem-solving and clinical strategies necessary for primary care practice as nurse practitioners; it builds upon content taught in NURS 7020 and NURS 7030. Classes focus on health promotion, disease prevention, differential diagnoses, and evidence-based management of common health conditions for diverse populations of patients from adolescence to senescence. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care, family, and midwifery/women’s health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Prerequisites: NURS 5040 and NURS 5041; or NURS 6000.  2 Course cr

NURS 7045b, Primary Care II Clinical Practice AGPCNP  Elyssa Noce
Course content includes clinical practice in health assessment and the provision of primary and focused health care. Students meet weekly for a ninety-minute clinical seminar that is held concurrently with clinical practice. Clinical seminar serves as a forum for students to present and discuss cases and explore issues encountered in clinical practice. This course is required for students in the first year of specialization as Adult-Gerontological Primary Care (AGPCNP) Nurse Practitioner. Clinical seminar discussions focus on caring for adolescents, adults, and older adults. Prerequisite to this course is successful completion of all required courses in the fall semester of the 1st specialty year. This course must be taken concurrently with N7040. 180 clinical hours required and a one-hour-and-twenty-minute clinical seminar per week each semester. AGPCNP students are required to complete 180 total clinical hours to satisfy the N7050 course requirements.  4½ Course cr

NURS 7050b or c, Primary Care II Clinical Practice FNP  Staff
Course content includes clinical practice in health assessment and the provision of primary and focused health care. Students meet weekly for a ninety-minute clinical seminar that is held concurrently with clinical practice. Clinical seminar serves as a forum for students to present and discuss cases and explore issues encountered in clinical practice. Required of all family nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Clinical seminar discussions for FNP students focus on providing care for patients across the lifespan. Eight to sixteen hours of clinical practice (fifteen weeks) and one and one-half hours of clinical seminar per week.  6 Course cr

NURS 7060a, Primary Care III  Ami Marshall and Elyssa Noce
This is the third of three didactic courses designed to enable students to develop the necessary knowledge base and problem-solving skills for primary care practice as nurse practitioners. Classes focus on health promotion and maintenance, and assessment, differential diagnoses, and evidence-based management of acute and chronic conditions for patients from adolescence to senescence, highlighting management of patients with complex comorbid conditions. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care and family nurse practitioner students in the final year. Taken concurrently with NURS 7070. Prerequisites: NURS 7030, NURS 7040, and NURS 7050.  2 Course cr

NURS 7070c, Primary Care III Clinical Practice  Staff
This clinical course builds upon the experiences gained in NURS 7050 and provides students further opportunity to develop advanced nursing skills, clinical judgment, and evidence-based patient management strategies necessary to manage common acute and chronic health care conditions. Students participate in designated weekly primary care clinical experiences arranged by faculty. In addition, students meet weekly
for a ninety-minute clinical conference that is held concurrently with clinical practice. Clinical seminar discussions for family nurse practitioner students focus on family-centered care and providing care for patients across the lifespan. Clinical seminar discussions for all other students focus on providing patient-centered care for patients from adolescence to senescence. Clinical conference serves as a forum for students to present and discuss cases and explore issues encountered in clinical practice. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care and family nurse practitioner students in the final year. Eight to sixteen hours of clinical practice per week (fifteen weeks), and one and one-half hours of clinical conference per week. Prerequisite (or concurrent with): NURS 7050. 6 Course cr

NURS 7090b, Primary Care IV Clinical Practice  Staff
This clinical course builds upon the experiences gained in NURS 7070 and provides students further opportunity to develop advanced nursing skills, clinical judgment, and evidence-based patient management strategies necessary to manage common acute and chronic health care conditions. Students participate in designated weekly primary care clinical experiences arranged by faculty. In addition, students meet weekly for a ninety-minute clinical conference that is held concurrently with clinical practice. Clinical seminar discussions for family nurse practitioner students focus on family-centered care and providing care for patients across the lifespan. Clinical seminar discussions for all other students focus on providing patient-centered care for patients from adolescence to senescence. Clinical conference serves as a forum for students to present and discuss cases and explore issues encountered in clinical practice. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care and family nurse practitioner students in the final year. Taken concurrently with NURS 7500. Eight to sixteen hours of clinical practice per week (fifteen weeks), and ninety minutes of clinical conference per week. Prerequisite: NURS 7070. 6 Course cr

NURS 7100a, Concepts and Principles of Aging  Ophelia Empleo-Frazier
This course introduces students to the major concepts and principles of gerontology and to a variety of biophysiological theories on aging. Health care delivery systems and care of the elderly are explored along with the current social policy initiatives and the state of the science of research as it relates to the older adult. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care nurse practitioner students in their first specialty year. Two hours weekly class time. Prerequisites: NURS 5040 and NURS 5041, or NURS 6000; and NURS 6040 and NURS 7000. 2 Course cr

NURS 7104b, Advanced Primary Care of the Older Adult  Ophelia Empleo-Frazier
This course focuses on the role of the nurse practitioner in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of common primary geriatric syndromes. The age-friendly health system 4M model of geriatric care (Medications, Mentation, Mobility, and what Matters most) provides the framework for clinical conditions discussed in this course. This course is required of all AGPCNP and FNP specialty students in their second specialty year. 2 hours weekly class time. 2 Course cr

NURS 7110b, Advanced FNP/AGPCNP Pharmacology  Elizabeth Cohen
This course is designed to prepare FNP/AGPCNP students to clinically apply pharmacotherapeutics from an advanced practice approach. Students learn to identify the correct pharmaceutical agents for therapy and to develop plans to monitor the results for effectiveness and safety in a variety of advanced practice nursing clinical settings. Students learn multiple methods for obtaining pharmacological information
requisite to safely prescribe and monitor effects of their pharmacological selections. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care and family nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Taken concurrently with NURS 6020. The hours per week are determined by the specialty. 1 Course cr

NURS 7200a, Women's Health I  Gina Novick
This course is the first in a series of five didactic courses provided over three terms, which are designed to enable students to develop the necessary knowledge base and problem-solving skills in ambulatory obstetric and gynecologic care. Women's Health I and II are the first courses in that series and focus on the care of essentially healthy individuals. Women's Health I provides foundational material and is required for all nurse-midwifery, women's health nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, and adult gerontologic primary care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. 1 Course cr

NURS 7210a, Women's Health II  Gina Novick and Monica Philipp
This course is the second in a series of five didactic courses provided over three terms which are designed to enable students to develop the necessary knowledge base and problem-solving skills in ambulatory obstetric and gynecologic care. Women's Health I and II are the first courses in that series and focus on the gynecologic and prenatal care of essentially healthy individuals. WH I provides foundational material, and WH II builds upon that foundation, providing greater depth and detail required for the women's health specialist. WH II is required for all nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. This course is open to others, with the permission of the instructor. 1 Course cr

NURS 7220a or b, Women's Health I and II Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Practice  Gina Novick and Staff
This course provides clinical experience in basic ambulatory health care to pregnant and nonpregnant women across the lifespan, focusing on care of essentially normal women. Required of all nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. 3 Course cr

NURS 7230b, Women's Health III  Loren Fields and Monica Philipp
This course is designed to build competencies in gynecologic/reproductive/sexual health care from adolescence through menopause. Building on the foundational content and competencies introduced in the previous semester, this course focuses on the evaluation and management of more complex gynecologic/reproductive/sexual health conditions. Through the process of working with this content, students will also engage with a variety of advanced practice nursing competencies such as appraising evidence and ways of knowing to formulate and defend an approach to practice; fostering caring relationships; employing context driven, advanced reasoning to the diagnostic and decision making processes; and facilitating complex conversations and decisions with patients. This course is required for all nurse-midwifery, women's health nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, and adult/gerontologic primary care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to others, with the permission of the instructor. Two hours per week for 8 weeks. 1 Course cr

NURS 7235a, Childbearing Care I  Erin Morelli
This course prepares students to care for patients during the intrapartum, postpartum, and lactation periods of the childbearing cycle. Students also learn about the normal
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neonate. Online and in-person lectures of fifteen hours and skills labs are utilized. Required of all nurse-midwifery students in the first year of specialization. Prerequisite: completion of all GEPN courses or R.N. license. 1 Course cr

NURS 7240b, Women’s Health IV  Tamika Julien
This course is designed to build competencies in antepartum care. Building on the foundational content and competencies introduced in the previous term, this course focuses on the outpatient monitoring and management of common complications that can occur in pregnancy. Students also engage with a variety of additional advanced practice nursing competencies such as legal and professional practice issues, improving health literacy, and counseling patients around complex decisions. Required of all nurse-midwifery and women’s health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. 1 Course cr

NURS 7250b or c, Women’s Health III and IV Clinical Practice  Staff
This course provides clinical experience in ambulatory health care to pregnant and nonpregnant women across the lifespan, focusing on care of women with complex issues and or complications. Required of all nurse-midwifery and women’s health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. 3 Course cr

NURS 7260b, Childbearing Care II  Michelle Telfer
This course introduces theory, skills, and management of the well woman during the intrapartum and postpartum periods. Care of the healthy newborn is also explored. Emphasis is on supporting normal physiologic birth and the transition to motherhood. Theory and evidence-based practice are presented through regularly scheduled class sessions, seminars, and problem-based learning case studies. Required of all nurse-midwifery students in the first year of specialization. 2 Course cr

NURS 7270b or c, Childbearing Care II Clinical Practice  Staff
Students are provided with supervised clinical experience in labor, birth, newborn, and postpartum care. Students have twelve hours of clinical practice per week for twelve weeks and attend clinical conference for one hour per week. The clinical seminar serves as a forum for students to explore issues encountered in clinical practice. Required of all nurse-midwifery students in the first year of specialization. 3 Course cr

NURS 7280a, Women’s Health V  Loren Fields
This course is designed to build competencies in antepartum and gynecologic care. Building on the content and competencies introduced in previous terms, this course focuses on the evaluation and management of complex gynecologic conditions and antepartum complications. Through the process of working with this content, students also engage with a variety of additional advanced practice nursing competencies such as ethical decision making, legal and professional practice issues, translating research evidence into evidence-based practice, and counseling patients around complex decisions. This course is required for all nurse-health nurse practitioner students in the second year of specialization. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

NURS 7290a, Women’s Health V Clinical Practice  Staff
This course provides clinical experience and opportunities to build competencies in gynecologic/reproductive/sexual health care. This course is required for all nurse-midwifery and women’s health nurse practitioner students in the second year of specialization and is taught concomitantly with the didactic course NURS 7280. 3 Course cr
NURS 7300a, Childbearing Care III  Jessica Stanek
This course focuses on advanced theoretical concepts and comprehensive management of the pregnant woman with at-risk pregnancies or comorbid health problems. Recognition of newborn health problems and initial management are explored. Complex health issues are analyzed through regularly scheduled class sessions, seminars, assignments, and problem-based learning case studies. Management includes triage, prenatal, birth, and postpartum emergencies; and perinatal loss. Emphasis is on collaboration within multidisciplinary teams. Required of all nurse-midwifery students in the final year.  2 Course cr

NURS 7310a, Childbearing Care III Clinical Practice  Staff
Students focus on providing increasingly complex intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care as members of a multidisciplinary team in diverse settings. Students have twelve hours of clinical practice per week for twelve weeks and attend clinical conference for one hour per week. The clinical seminar serves as a forum for students to explore issues encountered in clinical practice. Required of all midwifery students in the final year. Prerequisite: students must be certified in neonatal resuscitation through the American Academy of Pediatrics course.  3 Course cr

NURS 7312b, Global Midwifery: Uganda  Michelle Telfer
This seminar course is a precursor to the Summer Global Midwifery Clinical: Uganda (NURS 7314). It is an introduction to maternal and newborn global health issues including understanding the global burden of disease and morbidity and mortality affecting women and newborns. Building on NURS 7200–7240, 7235, 7260, 7270, the seminar develops the student’s capacity to provide full-scope midwifery care for women and neonates in a low-resource setting. Introduction to country-specific prevalent tropical diseases and infections is covered, including their identification, treatment, and complications in pregnancy and childbirth. Historical, sociopolitical, economic, and cultural context is covered. Predeparture preparation with respect to personal health, travel safety, and anticipated ethical challenges is included. The Acholi language is introduced, and students are expected to master some basic phrases. Course meets one hour weekly.  1 Course cr

NURS 7314b, Global Midwifery Clinical: Uganda  Michelle Telfer
This clinical course is the practicum for the seminar Global Midwifery: Uganda (NURS 7312) and runs for six consecutive weeks in the summer. This is an immersive clinical experience in nurse-midwifery that encompasses full-scope clinical experiences (AP, IP, PP, GYN) as well as some tropical medicine/infectious diseases. The experience includes mandatory predeparture skills labs and six weeks in Uganda spent between two locations: Ot Nywal Me Kuc Birth House in Atiak and either Kawempe Hospital in Kampala or Lacor Hospital in Gulu. Yale faculty accompany students, and close preceptorship is provided at all times. Prerequisite: NURS 7312.  4 Course cr

NURS 7320b or c, Integration of Midwifery Care  Staff
This course is designed to help students assimilate all areas of midwifery practice. It integrates student provision of full-scope care with appropriate clinical supervision, academic support, and clinical support including site preceptors, faculty, school, and library resources. Students continue to refine their ability to provide high-quality, evidence-based, and culturally sensitive care that is safe and professionally accountable. Students are expected to build on the knowledge and skills they have gained in their previous courses at YSN. Required of all nurse-midwifery students in the final year. For
nurse-midwifery and nurse-midwifery/women's health nurse practitioner students, this course must be taken concurrently with NURS 7330, and students must successfully complete all requirements of both courses in order to graduate. Prerequisites: all YSN core courses and all nurse-midwifery core courses. 6 Course cr

**NURS 7330b or c, Integration of Women's Health Care**  Staff
This course concentrates on the application of physiologic, developmental, psychosocial, and cultural theories to advanced clinical decision-making, focusing on reproductive and developmental health issues for women from adolescence to senescence. Required of all nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner students in the final year of specialization. For nurse-midwifery and nurse-midwifery/women's health nurse practitioner students, this course must be taken concurrently with NURS 7320, and students must successfully complete all requirements of both courses in order to graduate. Prerequisite: successful completion of all courses required for the first, second, and third terms of the specialty. 6 Course cr

**NURS 7335b or c, Women's Health Primary Care Clinical**  Sarah Lipkin
Women's health nurse practitioner students are provided with supervised introductory clinical experience in adult primary care including the care of male patients. The emphasis of this clinical experience is on managing health promotion and common acute and chronic health problems. Students learn appropriate recognition, management, and referral of common medical conditions as they present in the outpatient setting. Examples of common health problems are: chronic and acute skin conditions, upper respiratory infections, asthma, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, thyroid, diabetes, headaches, and mood disorders. Additionally, students incorporate the primary care foundations of health promotion, risk assessment, disease prevention, and counseling. Required of all women's health nurse practitioner students. The course may be completed in any term of the year depending on clinical site availability. 2 Course cr

**NURS 7340b, Midwifery and Women's Health Pharmacology**  Loren Fields
This portion of the advanced clinical pharmacology course is designed to prepare students in the midwifery and women's health specialties to clinically apply principles of pharmacotherapy in the management of gynecologic/reproductive/sexual and primary health care conditions. Through employing the World Health Organization's person-drug (p-drug) process, series of selected case studies, and online and class discussion, students learn of responsible prescribing, including identifying when medication treatment is appropriate, choosing the best medicines for therapy, and monitoring the efficacy and safety of medicines. This course is required for all nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to others with the permission of the instructor. Fifteen hours of content is presented over the course of the semester. 1 Course cr

**NURS 7400a, Advanced Pediatric Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning**  Nancy Banasiak and Wendy Mackey
This course is designed to enhance the student’s pediatric health assessment skills and to introduce the student to the primary care of children from infancy through adolescence. Key aspects of assessment, health promotion, and disease prevention in culturally diverse pediatric populations are discussed. Clinical applications of evidence-based practice guidelines in the care of children are reinforced through laboratory and simulation experiences. Through this course, students also participate
in Interprofessional Longitudinal Clinical Experience (ILCE) learning in collaboration with the Yale Schools of Medicine (including the Physician Associate Program) and Public Health in focus areas pertinent to the health history and institutional/structural barriers to effective health care. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. 3 Course cr

**NURS 7410a, Individual and Family Development during Childhood**  Monica Ordway
This course focuses on a critical overview of conceptual and theoretical perspectives on individual development from infancy through adolescence and family development. Sociocultural, ethnic, gender, environmental, and political factors that influence individual and family development are reviewed and evaluated. Discussions focus on transitions from infancy to adolescence. Assessment of family functioning, strengths, and vulnerabilities is presented from clinical and research perspectives. Selected family issues are analyzed within theoretical, clinical, and policy perspectives, and issues of particular significance for evidence-based advanced nursing are stressed. This course is offered in weeks 1–8 of the fall term and is required of all family and pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to other students with permission of the instructor. 1½ Course cr

**NURS 7420a, Primary Care and Health Promotion of Children I**  Martha Swartz and Nicole Maciejak
This course is designed to introduce the student to the primary care of children from infancy through adolescence. Key aspects of health promotion and disease prevention in culturally diverse pediatric populations are discussed within the context of the national health agenda. Health risks and behaviors are explored to determine culturally sensitive interventions. Clinical applications of concepts, theories, current health policies, and evidence-based best-practice guidelines related to well-child care are presented. Required of all family and pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to others with permission of the instructor. 2 Course cr

**NURS 7430a, Primary Care of Children I Clinical Practice**  Elyse Borsuk
This course provides clinical experience in well-child care and management of common pediatric problems in a variety of primary care settings. Students provide primary health care, acute care, and beginning case management for pediatric patients in the context of their families. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Four and one-half hours per week in a clinical setting and two hours of clinical conference per week. 2 Course cr

**NURS 7440a, Primary Care of Adolescents**  Alison Moriarty Daley
This course is designed to provide the student with a conceptual model for assessing normal psychological and physiological adolescent development, an understanding of the clinical relevance of basic deviations from normal development, and an understanding of the diagnosis and clinical care of adolescents in primary care settings. Required of all adult/gerontology primary care, family, and pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to others with permission of the instructor. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr
NURS 7450a or b, Primary Care of Adolescents Clinical Practice  Alison Moriarty Daley
This course is designed to aid the student in gaining elementary skills in the assessment of adolescent development, both physiological and psychological; in the recognition and management of deviations from normal development and health status; and in intermediate-level skill in the care of adolescents, including health education. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the second term of the first year of specialization or the first term of the final year. Six hours weekly in a clinical setting and six hours of clinical conference.  2 Course cr

NURS 7460b, Primary Care of Children II  Nancy Banasiak
This course is designed to focus on the assessment, diagnosis, evidence-based management, and best-practice guidelines for care of children from birth through adolescence for common pediatric health problems. Required of all family and pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to others with permission of the instructor.  2 Course cr

NURS 7470b, Primary Care of Children II Clinical Practice  Elyse Borsuk
This course provides clinical experience in well-child care and management of common pediatric problems in a variety of primary care settings. Students provide primary health care, acute care, and beginning case management for pediatric patients in the context of their families. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the first year of specialization. Four and one-half hours per week in a clinical setting and two hours of clinical conference per week.  2 Course cr

NURS 7480a, Primary Care of Children III  Patricia Ryan-Krause
This course provides a forum for discussion of a variety of pediatric conditions encountered in the primary care setting. It focuses on the assessment and management of complex outpatient pediatric problems and the role of the advanced practice nurse in managing these problems. Lectures, discussions, and cases are presented by guest speakers, faculty, and students. Required of all family and pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the final year. Prerequisite: NURS 7460.  2 Course cr

NURS 7490a, Primary Care of Children III Clinical Practice  Jennifer Darcy
This course provides clinical experience in advanced pediatric primary care and management, including work with complex families. The student provides health care for children over the course of the year in the Primary Care Center, Yale New Haven Hospital, and at selected pediatric primary care sites in the community. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the final year. Five hours weekly in a clinical setting, eight hours per term of observation, and fifteen hours of clinical conference. Prerequisite: NURS 7470.  2 Course cr

NURS 7500b, Primary Care of Children IV  Nicole Maciejak
This course provides a forum for discussion of a variety of pediatric conditions encountered in the primary care setting. It focuses on the assessment and management of complex outpatient pediatric problems and the role of the advanced practice nurse in managing these issues. Lectures, discussions, and case studies are presented by faculty and guest speakers. Required class for all final year pediatric and family nurse practitioner students.  2 Course cr
NURS 7510b, Primary Care of Children IV Clinical Practice  Jennifer Darcy
This course provides clinical experience in advanced pediatric primary care and management, including work with complex families. The student provides health care for children over the course of the year in the Primary Care Center, Yale New Haven Hospital, and at selected pediatric primary care sites in the community. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the final year. Five hours weekly in a clinical setting and twelve hours of clinical conference. Prerequisite: NURS 7470.  
2 Course cr

NURS 7520b, Chronic Health Conditions in Children and Adolescents  Neesha Ramchandani
This course focuses on the pathophysiology and advanced nursing management of chronic health conditions in children and adolescents across settings. Utilizing a systems approach, pathophysiology is reviewed, and then prototype chronic conditions and related evidence-based interventions as well as specialty and primary care management are discussed. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner students. Two hours per week.  
2 Course cr

NURS 7530a or b, School Health Clinical Practice  Staff
This course is designed to provide an opportunity to develop an advanced practice nursing role in the school setting. Experience is in a school-based clinic where the student provides primary and episodic care to the client population, participates in health education, as well as consults and collaborates with other health and education personnel in the school and community. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the second term of the first year of specialization or the first term of the final year. Six hours of clinical practice per week and six hours of clinical conference.  
2 Course cr

NURS 7540a / NURS 7541b, Specialty Pediatric Primary Care Clinical Practice I  Elizabeth Doyle
This clinical practicum provides students with the opportunity to gain additional knowledge and experience in specialty practice areas with relevance to pediatric primary care. The course extends over the final academic year of specialization. Required of all pediatric primary care nurse practitioner students in the final year. Four and one-half hours of clinical practice for fifteen weeks, nine hours of clinical conference, and 13.5 hours of web-based clinical conference over the course of the academic year.  
1 Course cr

NURS 7541b / NURS 7540a, Specialty Pediatric Primary Care Clinical Practice II  Neesha Ramchandani
This clinical practicum provides students with the opportunity to gain additional knowledge and experience in specialty practice areas with relevance to pediatric primary care. The course extends over the final academic year of specialization. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner primary care students in the final year. Four and one-half hours of clinical practice for fifteen weeks, eight hours of clinical conference, and 13.5 hours of web-based clinical conference over the course of the academic year.  
1 Course cr

NURS 7550b, Advanced Pediatric Pharmacology  Nicole Maciejak
This pharmacology course builds on general principles of pharmacology for advanced practice nurses and is designed to prepare students in the PNP specialties to apply
principles of pharmacotherapeutics in the management of children’s and adolescents’ health. Students learn to identify the correct pharmaceutical agents for therapy and develop plans to monitor the results for effectiveness and safety in the pediatric primary care setting. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Open to others with permission of the instructor. Two hours per week.

1 Course cr

**NURS 7560b, Specialty Pediatric Acute Care Clinical** Lauren Flagg

This clinical practicum provides students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in a specialty practice area. Under the guidance and supervision of the preceptor, this direct learning experience provides students the ability to co-manage patients in these specialties. The student participates in (1) collecting comprehensive histories and conducting physical assessments, (2) reviewing laboratory data and other diagnostic findings, (3) forming assessments and plans, and (4) providing patient education. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner acute care students in the first year. Eight hours per week in a clinical practice for fifteen weeks and one hour per week of clinical conference. 3 Course cr

**NURS 7600a, Mental Health Assessment across the Lifespan** Tina Walde and Carissa Tufano

This course provides students with concepts, techniques, and knowledge necessary to conduct accurate mental health evaluations of persons across the lifespan. Students learn to collect data guided by the principles of general health screening, psychiatric history, mental status examination, and diagnostic criteria from the DSM-5, therapeutic interviewing, and comprehensive history taking. A bio-psycho-social-cultural-spiritual framework is used to formulate a case history, determine accurate differential diagnoses, and make a psychiatric diagnosis using the DSM-5 framework. Beginning development of treatment planning is also emphasized. Mental health assessment also emphasizes health risks within the psychiatric population, differentiation of physical conditions that may present as a primary psychiatric disorder, mental health promotion, and early case-finding to prevent mental illness. Other components of mental health assessment include the use of rating scales; evaluation of risk from dangerousness to self, others, or inability to care for self; the influence of family, sociocultural background, and developmental achievements; substance use and abuse; forensics; and trauma history. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week in class and 1.5 hours per week in clinical lab activities. 2½ Course cr

**NURS 7610a, Psychopathology across the Lifespan I** Lindsay Powell and Allison Underwood

This course examines the psychopathology and neurobiology of major psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Essentials of neuroanatomy and neurobiology are examined as they relate to psychiatric symptoms. Disorders selected for examination are those most commonly seen in clinical settings in children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, including anxiety; depression; and behavioral, personality, and cognitive disorders (ADHD, Alzheimer’s). The public health importance, epidemiology, risk factors, and neuroscience are reviewed. The examination integrates genetic and environmental influences to support an understanding of the interpersonal, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral processes that define and underlie major mental illnesses. Evidence-based treatments are discussed in relationship to their impact on behavior,
symptoms, neurobiology, and family systems. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week.

2 Course cr

NURS 7620b, Psychopathology across the Lifespan II  Lindsay Powell and Allison Underwood

This course examines the psychopathology and neurobiology of major psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. Essentials of neuroanatomy and neurobiology are examined as they relate to psychiatric symptoms. Disorders selected for examination are those most commonly seen in clinical settings in children, adolescents, adults, and older adults, including anxiety; depression; and behavioral, personality, and cognitive disorders (ADHD, Alzheimer’s). The public health importance, epidemiology, risk factors, and neuroscience are reviewed. The examination integrates genetic and environmental influences to support an understanding of the interpersonal, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral processes that define and underlie major mental illnesses. Evidence-based treatments are discussed in relationship to their impact on behavior, symptoms, neurobiology, and family systems. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week.

2 Course cr

NURS 7630a, Psychiatric–Mental Health Clinical Practice across the Lifespan I  Staff

The goal of this two-term practicum is to provide the student with an opportunity to develop clinical skills with individuals and family across the lifespan. While in psychiatric clinical settings, students apply skills including holistic physical and mental health assessment, formulate differential diagnosis, plan and implement developmentally appropriate psychiatric nursing interventions, and evaluate interventions and outcomes with children, adolescents, adults, older adults, and their families. Emphasis is placed on application of a variety of population-specific assessment skills and use of differential diagnosis, and a beginning utilization of pharmacologic and psychotherapeutic treatment methods with individuals, groups, and families. Clinical experiences require the student to synthesize knowledge from courses, supplemental readings, clinical seminars, and practice experiences. Students are assigned to psychiatric clinical placement on the basis of development of competencies, previous clinical experiences, and interests. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. This course may be taken concurrently with didactic first-year PMH specialty course work. Primary placement supervision seminar meets two hours per week. Outplacement supervision seminar meets one hour per week. 4 Course cr

NURS 7631b, Psychiatric–Mental Health Clinical Practice across the Lifespan II  Staff

The goal of this two-term practicum is to provide the student with an opportunity to develop clinical skills with individuals and family across the lifespan. While in psychiatric clinical settings, students apply skills including holistic physical and mental health assessment, formulate differential diagnosis, plan and implement developmentally appropriate psychiatric nursing interventions, and evaluate interventions and outcomes with children, adolescents, adults, older adults, and their families. Emphasis is placed on application of a variety of population-specific assessment skills and use of differential diagnosis, and a beginning utilization of pharmacologic and psychotherapeutic treatment methods with individuals, groups, and
Clinical experiences require the student to synthesize knowledge from courses, supplemental readings, clinical seminars, and practice experiences. Students are assigned to psychiatric clinical placement on the basis of development of competencies, previous clinical experiences, and interests. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. This course may be taken concurrently with didactic first-year PMH specialty course work. Primary placement supervision seminar meets two hours per week. Outplacement supervision seminar meets one hour per week.

**NURS 7650a, Individual Psychotherapy I**  Staff

This course provides an overview of the major schools of personality theory and psychological development, and the individual psychotherapy treatment modalities that were developed from them. Students deepen and expand their knowledge of fundamental elements in developing and maintaining the therapeutic relationship with clients in mental health settings. The student conceptualizes personality characteristics, behavior, and defensive structure in order to better understand the dynamics of the patient and the therapeutic relationship. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. One hour per week. 1 Course cr

**NURS 7660b, Individual Psychotherapy II**  Andree de Lisser

This course provides an overview of the major schools of personality theory and psychological development and the individual psychotherapy treatment modalities that were developed from them. Students integrate the concepts learned in NURS 7650 with particular schools of theory and practice. A comparison of psychotherapeutic treatment modalities assists the student in beginning to identify and utilize select interventions specifically suited to individual patient problems identified in advanced practice psychiatric nursing. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. One hour per week. 1 Course cr

**NURS 7670b, Clinical Psychopharmacology across the Lifespan**  Susan Boorin

This course covers the principles of psychiatric pharmacotherapy across the lifespan and the role of the advanced practice psychiatric nurse prescriber. It focuses on biological mechanisms of action of psychotropic drugs; common side effects and adverse reactions; safety issues in prescribing psychotropic medications; and alterations needed in using these agents in specialty populations. The neurobiological components important in understanding symptom etiology and treatment are incorporated to select the most efficacious pharmacologic treatment of psychiatric disorders. Pharmacological history, differential diagnoses, and symptoms targeted for pharmacological activity are incorporated as integral components of prescriptive practice. An emphasis on clinical decision-making includes all phases of pharmacologic treatment: evaluation and diagnosis; initiation of treatment; determining efficacy; evaluating side effects; enhancing patient adherence; evaluation of response; long-term maintenance vs. discontinuation; patient education; and integration of psychotherapy. Sources of information include evidence-based data, treatment algorithms, established practice guidelines, textbooks, journal articles, and current conference proceedings. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr
NURS 7680a, Clinical Outcome Management in Psychiatric–Mental Health Nursing
Susan Boorin
The provision of mental health services is determined by many factors including policy, public demand, research evidence, ideas among general practitioners and mental health professionals, and the financial pressures under which purchasers and providers of services work. These groups often have widely disparate views about the nature of mental disorders and their most appropriate interventions. In providing services to individuals, families, groups, systems, and organizations, the advanced practice psychiatric nurse functions as clinician, consultant, leader, educator, and researcher in the analysis of critical issues important to decision-making and intervention. The assumption underlying the course is that all advanced practice mental health services should be fundamentally theoretical and evidence-based. In this course students define clinical problems and system implications, use technology to identify clinical and research evidence, and critically analyze the evidence. Based on this analysis they devise and present realistic plans for intervention in the clinical setting and write an evidence-based review paper summarizing the results. Discussion about what constitutes the best available evidence to clarify decision-making with regard to a variety of mental health and health promotion needs is addressed. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the final year. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

NURS 7690a, Group Psychotherapy  Andree de Lisser
This course examines methods and major conceptual frameworks of group psychotherapy, especially Yalom’s group therapy model. Emphasis is placed on the application of theory to the clinical realities of groups encountered in various inpatient and outpatient settings. This course examines various group treatment modalities and how they are useful in different psychiatric disorders and settings. The course demonstrates how group treatment choices are made through patient assessment; diagnosis; and cognitive, cultural, individual, and pharmacological considerations. Knowledge of group dynamics and systems theory is reviewed through the current literature and research. The lab portion of this course offers the opportunity for students to have a task group experience and examine group norms, process, communication patterns, roles, subgroups, stages of group development, and styles of leadership. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the final year. One hour per week in class and 1.5 hours per week in clinical lab activities. 1½ Course cr

NURS 7700a, Psychiatric–Mental Health Clinical Practice across the Lifespan III
Staff
The aim of the fall-term, second-year clinical practicum is to promote development of clinical and leadership skills required for advanced professional practice across the lifespan in psychiatric–mental health nursing. Building on first-year clinical skills, students are expected to choose, implement, and evaluate advanced assessment and differential diagnostic reasoning skills, psychotherapeutic (e.g., group, individual, family) techniques, and psychopharmacological interventions with children, adolescents, adults, older adults, and their families in a variety of psychiatric clinical settings. Ethnic, gender, and developmentally appropriate therapeutic, educational, and supportive intervention strategies are implemented for patients across the lifespan. Students are expected to collaborate with other health care providers in the care of their patients. Health promotion and disease prevention strategies are examined and
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prioritized in relation to promoting mental and physical health with ethnically diverse individuals, groups, and families. Role delineation, ethical and legal responsibilities, and clinical expectations related to prescriptive authority, evidence-based decision-making, anticipatory guidance, and therapeutic psychiatric–mental health nursing care are explored. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the final year. Clinical supervision seminar meetings two hours per week. Prerequisites: first-year clinical and didactic requirements. 6 Course cr

**NURS 7710b, Psychiatric–Mental Health Clinical Practice across the Lifespan IV**  
Staff
The aim of this final-term, second-year clinical practicum is to provide a clinical immersion experience with a specific patient population. Building on and enhancing the competencies of NURS 7700, the emphasis of the course is on the integration and application of leadership, ethics, patient safety, quality improvement, systems, and care delivery principles in advanced practice psychiatric–mental health nursing. This course builds on the knowledge and competencies acquired throughout the program of study and the required clinical practica. Students gain increased competency and demonstrate increased accountability in the provision of comprehensive psychiatric–mental health care in the designated clinical site(s). Students expand practice experiences to include leadership and indirect clinical activities (e.g., consultation, supervision, or education; understanding of organizational systems and structures, policy and systems issues, and the professional advanced practice nursing role; collaboration and leadership) within their practice sites. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the final year. Clinical supervision seminar meets two hours per week. Prerequisites: first-year clinical and didactic requirements. 6 Course cr

**NURS 7720b, Applied Psychopharmacology across the Lifespan**  
Lindsay Powell
This elective course builds on NURS 7670 and is designed to facilitate student expertise and confidence in prescribing the major categories of psychiatric medications to patients across the lifespan. The course is divided into eight major topic areas: antipsychotic, antidepressant, anti-anxiety, mood-stabilizing, hypnotic, stimulant, cognitive enhancement, and substance use treatment medications used in the treatment of psychiatric disorders across the lifespan. The concepts of sleep disruption, personality function, and pain management are integrated into each topic area. Each topic area includes two class sessions. The first reviews the biological mechanisms of action, common adverse events, drug–drug and drug–nutrient interactions, safety issues, and monitoring implications of the psychopharmacology category. The second is case-based, using real-life, interactive, web-based cases for group problem solving and consensus building regarding the most appropriate psychopharmacological course of treatment incorporating legal-ethical and bio-psycho-social-cultural-spiritual components of care. Upon completion, students will be prepared to complete Phase 1 of the Neuroscience Education Institute’s Master Psychopharmacology Program. Suggested for psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the final year. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

**NURS 7730b, Family Psychotherapy**  
Andree de Lisser
This course provides an overview and critical analysis of family theories and conceptual models. The course examines the applicability of these models to guide advanced family psychiatric–mental health practice with children, adolescents, adults, and their families. The strengths and limitations of such models as Bowenian, cognitive-behavioral,
structural, and problem-solving are compared and contrasted in relation to their potential to guide psychotherapy with children, adolescents, adults, and their families. The course also examines how the selected family theories and conceptual models take into account and address the influence of cultural, social, and ethical issues, and of mental and physical health status, on the family systems over time. A lab component assists students in applying family theories and models to guide their assessment, treatment, and evaluation of family therapy with ethnically diverse families in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings. Required of all psychiatric–mental health nurse practitioner students in the final year. One hour per week in class and 1.5 hours per week in clinical lab activities. 1½ Course cr

**NURS 7800a, Advanced Health Assessment in Adult/Gerontology Acute Care**  Staff
This course concentrates on development of a systematic methodology of identifying acutely and critically ill patients’ needs for health care. Patient history taking, physical examination, diagnostic studies and interpretation, interpretation of advanced hemodynamic and oxygenation monitoring, analysis of medical diagnoses, documentation, and student case presentations form the basis for this clinical/seminar course. Select clinical problems of patients in acute and critical care adult/gerontology settings are studied in the context of student case presentations, clinical practicum, and simulations. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Prerequisites: NURS 5040 and NURS 5041; or NURS 6000. 3 Course cr

**NURS 7810a, Advanced Diagnostics in Acute Care**  Allison Cable
This course provides comprehensive content necessary in the assessment of the acutely or critically ill patient. Emphasis is on examination of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, based on complex interpretations from laboratory and technological findings. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. The electrocardiographic (ECG) components of the course may be taken as an elective by students in any specialty who have an interest in ECG interpretation. Three hours per week for fifteen weeks. 3 Course cr

**NURS 7820a, Critical Care Clinical Immersion**  Brenda White
The focus of this practicum is comprehensive management of a caseload of patients with adult/gerontology acute care chronic and/or acute complex conditions. Emphasis is on prediction of common patient problems, formulation of management protocols, and generation of research questions. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization; students may request to exempt out as determined by faculty review of a clinical portfolio and competency. 3 Course cr

**NURS 7830b, Pathophysiology and Management of Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Health Problems I**  Mary-Ann Cyr
This course provides a basis for predicting the vulnerability for common cardiovascular, respiratory, hematologic, renal, and neurological clinical problems that occur as a result of illness or outcome of treatment in adult and geriatric patients. Assessment, management, and evaluation are emphasized. Normal physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacological management of these conditions are included. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. 4 Course cr
NURS 7840b, Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Practice I  Staff
This practicum and seminar in the care of acutely, critically, and complex chronically ill adult and geriatric patients provides students with direct care experiences. The focus is on assessment and management. Critical thinking, clinical analysis of patient data, formulation of differential diagnoses, and planning of care are emphasized. Clinical seminars focus on case presentation by students. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Eight hours of clinical practice plus one hour of seminar per week. Prerequisites: NURS 5040 and NURS 5041, or NURS 6000; and NURS 7800 and NURS 7810. 3 Course cr

NURS 7850a, Pathophysiology and Management of Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Health Problems II  Mary-Ann Cyr
This course provides a basis for predicting the vulnerability for common clinical problems in acute care patients. These include trauma and endocrine, hepatic, gastrointestinal, infection/sepsis, and end-of-life problems that occur as a result of illness or outcome of treatment. Assessment, management, and evaluation are emphasized. Normal physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacological management of these systems are included. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the final year. Prerequisites: NURS 5040 and NURS 5041, or NURS 6000; and NURS 7800, NURS 7810, and NURS 7830. 4 Course cr

NURS 7860a, Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Practice II  Staff
The first term of a yearlong (with NURS 7870) practicum that provides students with clinical experience in data-gathering techniques, diagnostic reasoning, management of acute and chronic health problems, application of technology in patient care, consultation, collaboration, health promotion, and risk factor modification. This course builds upon the foundational objectives successfully met in NURS 7840. The differential diagnosis and treatment of complex health problems commonly seen in acutely ill adult/gerontology patients are stressed, with special emphasis on conditions presented in NURS 7830 and NURS 7850. The focus is on those acute illnesses with a predictable course and established treatment approaches. Students have the opportunity to manage a caseload of patients from admission through discharge, as well as follow patients on an outpatient basis. A two-hour weekly clinical conference addresses acute care clinical issues and includes simulation activities. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the final year. Preceptors are APRNs, PAs, and physicians. Twenty-four hours per week in an acute care setting for fifteen weeks. 8.3 Course cr

NURS 7870b, Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Clinical Practice III  Laura Andrews and Darcy Ulitsch
The second term of a yearlong (with NURS 7860) practicum that provides students with clinical experience in data-gathering techniques, diagnostic reasoning, management of acute and chronic health problems, application of technology in patient care, consultation, collaboration, health promotion, and risk factor modification. This course builds upon the foundational objectives successfully met in NURS 7840. The differential diagnosis and treatment of complex health problems commonly seen in acutely ill adult/gerontology patients are stressed, with special emphasis on conditions presented in NURS 7830 and NURS 7850. The focus is on those acute illnesses with a predictable course and established treatment approaches. Students have the opportunity to manage a caseload of patients from admission through discharge,
as well as follow patients on an outpatient basis. A two-hour weekly clinical conference addresses acute care clinical issues. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the final year. Preceptors are APRNs and physicians. Twenty-four hours per week in an acute care setting for fifteen weeks. 8.3 Course cr

**NURS 7880b, Advanced Acute Care Pharmacology**  Allison Cable

This course is designed to prepare students to clinically apply pharmacotherapeutics from an advanced practice approach. Students learn to identify the correct pharmaceutical agents for therapy and to develop plans to monitor the results for effectiveness and safety in a variety of advanced practice nursing clinical settings. Students learn multiple methods for obtaining pharmacological information requisite to safely prescribe and monitor effects of their pharmacological selections. Required of all adult/gerontology acute care nurse practitioner students in the first year of specialization. Taken concurrently with NURS 6020. The hours per week are determined by the specialty. 1 Course cr

**NURS 7912a, Acute Care of Children I**  Lauren Flagg

This course, the first of two didactic courses, examines specific clinical problems of acutely, critically, and chronically ill patients from infancy through adolescence. Emphasis is on pathophysiology, critical assessment strategies, diagnosis, and management including pharmacology of emergent health care problems within an interdisciplinary, family-centered model of care. This course also explores the scope of practice of pediatric nurse practitioners in meeting the needs of children with complex acute and critical conditions. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner—acute care students in the final year. Two hours per week. 2 Course cr

**NURS 7914a, Acute Care of Children I Clinical**  Lauren Flagg

This practicum, the first of two clinical courses, provides students with direct learning experiences in the coordination and delivery of advanced care from infancy through adolescence in a pediatric acute care setting. The focus of this course is on learning to assess, diagnose, and manage acute conditions and illnesses encountered in the pediatric acute care population. Under the guidance and supervision of the preceptor, the student develops advanced clinical skills, explores evidence-based research, and creates plans of care within the context of their patient’s culture and environment. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner—acute care students in the final year. Twelve hours per week in a clinical setting and 1.5 hours per week of simulation/clinical conference. Prerequisite: NURS 7910. 4½ Course cr

**NURS 7916b, Acute Care of Children II**  Lauren Flagg

This course, the second of two didactic courses, continues to examine specific clinical problems of acutely, critically, and chronically ill patients from infancy through adolescence. Emphasis is on pathophysiology, critical assessment strategies, diagnosis, and management including pharmacology of emergent health care problems within an interdisciplinary, family-centered model of care. This course also explores the scope of practice of pediatric nurse practitioners in meeting the needs of children with complex acute and critical conditions. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner—acute care students in the final year. Two hours per week. Prerequisites: NURS 7912 and NURS 7914. 2 Course cr
NURS 7918b, Acute Care of Children II Clinical  Lauren Flagg
This practicum, the second of two clinical courses, provides students with direct learning experiences in the coordination and delivery of advanced care from infancy through adolescence in a pediatric acute care setting. The clinical setting differs from the first-term experience. The focus of this course is on learning to assess, diagnose, and manage acute conditions and illnesses encountered in the pediatric acute care population. Under the guidance and supervision of the preceptor, the student develops advanced clinical skills, explores evidence-based research, and develops plans of care within the context of their patient’s culture and environment. Required of all pediatric nurse practitioner—acute care students in the final term. Sixteen hours per week in a clinical setting and two hours per week of simulation/clinical conference. Prerequisites: NURS 7912 and NURS 7914.  6 Course cr

NURS 9515b, Clinical DNP Practicum I  Elizabeth Molle
This course is the first in a series of three Clinical DNP Practica in which students gain experience in preparing for, developing, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating their DNP projects. In this first practicum course, students begin to engage and work with experts in the healthcare systems and agencies where they will conduct their projects. Students work with their outside experts and designated agency personnel to identify the systems opportunities and challenges related to project implementation and develop a plan to address them. This practicum prepares DNP students for the systems interactions involved in planning and executing clinical projects. The expected outcomes are: (1) an agreement with the agency for DNP project implementation, (2) engagement and planning activities with agency personnel involved in requisite protocols for project implementation, and (3) development of a relationship with an external expert. The expected outcomes are a signed agreement from their external expert, and a finalized written plan for DNP project implementation. This contains the plan for meeting all requisite protocols required by the agency, including appropriate human subject protocols. This course is required for all Clinical DNP students after successful completion of the year two fall term.  3 Course cr

NURS 9530a, Clinical D.N.P. Practicum III  Joan Combellick
This course is the third in a series of four Clinical DNP Practica in which students gain healthcare agency experience in preparing for, developing, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating their DNP projects. In this third practicum, students will implement their DNP projects in the healthcare system or agency where they have completed the first two Clinical DNP practica. They will consult with their outside mentors/experts to execute their written plan as developed in Clinical DNP Practicum II. The expected outcome is completion of the implementation phase of their project. The student will keep weekly logs of their activities which are submitted to, reviewed and discussed with course faculty. This course is required for all second year Clinical DNP students. NURS 9520  4 Course cr

NURS 9540b, Clinical D.N.P. Practicum IV  Joan Combellick
This course is the fourth and final in a series of four Clinical DNP Practica in which students gain healthcare agency experience in preparing for, developing, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating their DNP projects. In this final practicum, students will evaluate and disseminate their DNP project implementation findings. They will develop a plan with their outside mentors/experts to disseminate DNP project findings to the healthcare system or agency where the project was implemented. This will
include recommendations for scaling and sustainability. The expected outcome is completion of the final DNP project phases: evaluation and dissemination. The student will keep weekly logs of their activities, which are submitted to, reviewed and discussed with course faculty. This course is required for all second year Clinical DNP students.

**NURS 9570a, Evidence for the Doctor of Nursing Practice**  Elizabeth Molle and Rhoda Redulla

This course reviews research methods and statistics and explores the nature of evidence as it relates to the discipline of nursing. Literature and evidence within and outside of nursing are critically appraised for translation to and evaluation of practice. Students are expected to select a phenomenon of interest and to critically review and synthesize evidence from diverse sources (literature, research, and population-based health data) to address the phenomenon. Required of all D.N.P. students in the first year.

**NURS 9600a and NURS 9601b, Clinical Inquiry Seminar I**  Joanne Iennaco

This seminar for the Clinical DNP student supports the initial development of the Clinical Area of Inquiry separate from the DNP Project proposal. Topics discussed in the seminar include: the structure and process of clinical knowledge development and translation, assessing existing evidence in relationship to current clinical practices and processes of change, identification of factors to ensure effective clinical implementation, and approaches to clinical scholarship development including communication and expression. Seminar outcomes include an individualized Clinical Area of Inquiry plan, summary of inquiry activities completed, and a project proposal identifying and clarifying the focus and site for the DNP project as separate from the area of Clinical Inquiry. This course is required for all first year Clinical DNP students. ½ Course cr per term

**NURS 9610a, Clinical Inquiry Seminar II**  Joanne Iennaco

The Clinical Inquiry Seminar II accounts for completed activities, and planning next steps in the Clinical Area of Inquiry identified in the initial course, N9600/N9601 Clinical Inquiry Seminar I. Seminar discussion explores dissemination planning and examines completion of inquiry activities and their application to the DNP essential competencies in understanding and innovating delivery of care in health care systems. Outcomes include integrating focused area of DNP expertise by mapping the clinical focus area competencies to Clinical DNP program projects and experiences. Required of all Clinical DNP students after the successful completion of year one of the Clinical DNP Program. 1 Course cr

**NURS 9630a, Moving Health Care Forward: Innovation and Implementation**  David Vlahov

This course focuses on theories and methods of innovation in health care as well as models of change and implementation. Includes a review of the principles of transformational leadership as they relate to thought leadership and practice in health care. Students explore innovation and implementation science and practice from the organizational systems perspective, informed by the current and relevant literature. 2 Course cr
NURS 9650a, Clinical Leadership and Finance  Mary Allegra  
The intent of this course is to facilitate the development of collaborative leadership skills for advanced practice nurses to improve clinical outcomes and influence the design of high-performing clinical settings in a multicultural society. Theories of leadership, organizational behavior, principles of diversity, inclusion, and equity, and consultative processes are applied to clinical leadership in health care settings. Principles of business and finance are examined in order to analyze, develop, and implement practice-level initiatives. Effective strategies are evaluated for managing the leadership and business factors impacting clinical leadership and patient care.  2 Course cr

NURS 9660b, Clinical Innovation Seminar  Joanne Iennaco  
The Clinical Innovation Seminar is the synthesis of the clinical area of inquiry identified in the initial semester in N9680 Clinical DNP Scholarly Project Development Seminar. Seminar discussion examines completion of the DNP essential competencies in understanding and innovating delivery of care in health care systems. Outcomes include integrating focused area of DNP expertise by mapping the clinical focus area competencies to Clinical DNP program projects and experiences. Required of all Clinical DNP students in the final semester.  3 Course cr

NURS 9670b, Quality and Safety in Health Care Organizations  Mary Allegra and Tracy Sklar  
This course provides an overview of theoretical principles and concepts essential to assessing, designing, implementing, and evaluating population-based health projects within and across the health system and other organizations. In this course, students critically examine change, decision-making, evaluation, and management-related theories as a foundation for project planning, implementation, and evaluation of an evidence-based improvement project. Students identify and develop a theory-based project derived from an integrated synthesis of the literature. Students also identify appropriate software, tools, and communication techniques essential for leading an interprofessional team from inception to completion of the project within and across health care systems or other organizations. The tools and processes learned in this course will support work toward the subsequent D.N.P. final project. Required of all D.N.P. students in the first year.  3 Course cr

NURS 9690c, Uses of Data in Decision-Making  Stephen Burrows  
This course provides an overview of health care data and the innovative ways these data can be turned into information for clinical, operational, and financial decision-making. The advent of the electronic medical record has made coded data richer and more readily available for analyses. This course introduces students to the terminology surrounding health care data and databases; data sources; and the practical steps to consider when requesting and analyzing health care data for quality improvement and research. The course provides students the tools to use health care data to assess and improve patient care and outcomes. Several examples of sophisticated analytical methods developed at a large academic medical center are used to illustrate concepts related to population definition, defining episodes of care, and measuring clinical, operational, and financial outcomes. Required of all D.N.P. students in the first year.  2 Course cr

NURS 9710b, Health Care Policy, Politics, and Process  Ellen Andrews  
This course provides an overview of past and current health policy literature and research. It also provides the student with the opportunity to critically analyze basic
concepts, principles, and consequences of policy options for achieving selected health services goals across the spectrum of health and health care systems. It is built upon the understanding that health care delivery is the transformation of health science into health service. Students increase their aptitude in the three P’s—policy, politics, and process—in order to shape health care delivery changes. Policy, politics, and process occur in organizational, state, tribal, and federal spaces. In this era of sweeping health reform, it is imperative that students understand the players, the interactions, and the routes to change. The class discusses contemporary policy changes and debates. Students examine a policy relevant to their own work. Required of all D.N.P. students in the second year.

**Courses**

**NURS 9770b, The Business of Health Care**  Mary Ann Camilleri
This course focuses on the synthesis of theoretical and practical principles of economics, financial decision-making, and business in health care systems and organizations. Principles of finance and fiscal management are used to analyze revenue streams, payer sources, reimbursement, and value-based payment models. Budgeting for both short-term operations and long-term strategy is applied to current and emerging health care delivery models. Ethical responsibilities in financial and business decision-making are emphasized, including delivery models focused on population health equity. Business communications and negotiations are practiced and critiqued. Required of all D.N.P. students in the second year. Prerequisites: first-year D.N.P. courses and NURS 9690.

**Course cr**

**NURS 9810a, Leadership Development**  Mary Ann Camilleri
In this course, students analyze and apply principles of contemporary leadership and administration. Students develop self-awareness of their leadership abilities and develop a plan to enhance areas for development. Building on previous courses in the D.N.P. program, especially regarding ethics, evidence for practice, and business applications, students analyze case studies in nursing leadership and suggest the best courses of action. The emphasis is on strategic thinking and quality improvement in health care delivery, policy, and regulatory environments. Students are expected to critically examine and integrate selected leadership styles and apply differing approaches to different situations. In the companion practicum (NURS 9820), students are expected to apply the principles learned in a mentored leadership experience in a health care delivery organization or other organizations (e.g., community-based health centers), nursing education, regulatory, or policy setting environments. Required of all D.N.P. students in the second year.

**Course cr**

**NURS 9820a, Leadership Development Practicum**  Mary Ann Camilleri
This leadership practicum requires students to participate in a mentored leadership initiative in a healthcare setting or related community-based organization, governmental agency, professional or trade association or with local, state, or national policy makers. The expected outcomes are (1) development of a mentor-mentee relationship with an understanding of the respective roles and practices, (2) demonstrated growth in selected leadership competency area(s), (3) delivery of a leadership project/change initiative for the mentor, and (4) for course faculty and each student, a descriptive log of leadership models, approaches, and styles encountered in the practicum experience and self-observation of the student’s own evidence-based leadership practice. Required for DNP students in their second year, fall term. Concurrent with NURS 9810.

**Course cr**
**NURS 9850c, Achieving Population Health Equity**  David Vlahov
This course provides a critical overview of the historical and contemporary health and health disparities research, relevant literature, and policies as essential context for understanding how to achieve health equity. The social and biological determinants of health and health disparities are also critically examined in light of political, economic, cultural, legal, and ethical issues. Selected health and health disparities population-based data are examined as a foundation for explicating how subpopulations experience disparate health across the lifespan. Students examine how past and current policies (state, federal, tribal), politics, population-based data findings, and selected frameworks enhance or act as barriers to achieving health equity with diverse populations, systems, and/or communities. Additionally, students design an organizational policy plan for achieving population health and health equity within a health system, organization, and/or community-based health system. Required of all D.N.P. students in the second year.  2 Course cr

**NURS 9890b, D.N.P. Project: Part 1**  Staff
This course is designed to help students integrate D.N.P. course content and practica into their project proposal. Common conceptual framework and models of care are presented. Methods for developing and evaluating D.N.P. projects are discussed. Strategies to establish project working relationships are explored. During this course, draft proposals are reviewed using the Guidelines for Developing and Implementing a D.N.P. Project, with the addition of rubrics for evaluation of the work. Students present their proposal for critique by their project adviser and faculty of record in order to finalize their proposal for presentation and approval. Required of all D.N.P. students in the first year.  2 Course cr

**NURS 9900a, D.N.P. Project: Part 2**  Staff
This course is designed to assist students as they integrate D.N.P. course content and clinical practica into a final D.N.P. project proposal. Students are expected to work in concert with their assigned D.N.P. project adviser during the spring term of their second year on the development of their final proposal. Draft proposals are reviewed using the Guidelines for Developing and Implementing a D.N.P. Project, with the addition of rubrics for evaluation of the work. The student is expected to present the proposal for critique by peers, project adviser, and course instructor. Required of all D.N.P. students in the second year. Three hours per week.  2 Course cr

**NURS 9980a and NURS 9981b, Leadership Immersion Practicum**  Ron Yolo
The Leadership Immersion is a yearlong, mentored experience in which students apply relevant knowledge to an evidence-based experience culminating in a final D.N.P. project in NURS 9990/NURS 9991. Students employ effective communication and collaboration skills to influence improved health care quality and safety and to negotiate successful changes in care delivery processes within and/or across health and health care systems and organizations. Students complete the immersion under guidance of the site mentor, who will be a member of the nursing faculty D.N.P. project adviser/committee under the leadership of the D.N.P. project chair and the D.N.P. director. Required of all D.N.P. students in the final year. 225 practicum hours. Prerequisites: successful completion of all required theoretical and D.N.P. project courses as well as an approved D.N.P. project proposal.  2½ Course cr per term
NURS 9990a and NURS 9991b, D.N.P. Project: Evidence-Based Practice Change

Ron Yolo

Students apply relevant knowledge to an evidence-based, yearlong experience culminating in a final D.N.P. project manuscript, which will be submitted for publication. The D.N.P. project includes critical review and integration of relevant literature/research that provides support of the identified population-based health issue or problem, as well as at least one policy and/or evidence-based strategy that has the potential to address that health issue or problem. Required of all D.N.P. students in the final year. 2½ Course cr per term