

MScN-PHCNP Program, York University

NURS5870 6.0: Integrative Practicum in Primary Health Care

Calendar Course Description

Applies theories related to the advanced practice nursing management of clients' clinical manifestations. Promotes dialogue and critical thinking in the application of theory to practice. Supports problem-based learning through the study of real life case examples. Provides clinical experiences pertinent to the integration of advanced practice nursing knowledge.

Pre-requisites: NURS5860 3.0: Therapeutics in Primary Health Care II

Seminar: 6 hours every other week

Clinical: 29 hours per week for weeks with seminars booked

35 hours per week for weeks without seminars

Total hours:

Total seminar time: 42 hours

Total clinical time: 413 hours

Total hours for IP: 455 hours

Expanded Course Description

The Integrative Practicum course is the final course in the Ontario Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program, to be taken after all other professional course work is successfully completed. This course will build on the learner's knowledge and experience gained in previous courses and focus on methods to allow the learner to integrate theory and practice.

The course is divided into two integrated and concurrent parts: seminars and clinical practicum. Learners will be evaluated in both parts of the course. Seminars are designed to allow learners to discuss and apply theories about the management of clients' clinical manifestations; to promote dialogue and critical thinking in the application of theory to practice; to support problem-based learning and the study of real life case examples; and to provide clinical experiences pertinent to the integration of knowledge.

Course Competencies:

Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Synthesize and integrate knowledge of research, theory, philosophy, ethics, clinical care, education and leadership to provide primary healthcare to diverse populations across the lifespan.
2. Formulate comprehensive plans of care for individuals, families and communities based on current best knowledge, theory, available resources, client preferences and clinician experience.
3. Apply regulations, standards and principles guiding the primary healthcare nurse practitioner scope of practice to deliver effective and appropriate primary healthcare.

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4. Critically analyze the role of the primary healthcare nurse practitioner in providing healthcare and influencing client outcomes.
5. Evaluate the impact of the primary health nurse care practitioner on individual, family, community and healthcare organization outcomes

Course Modules:

1. Learner Orientation/Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests
2. Advanced Interventions for Individuals, Families, Communities
3. Role of the PHCNP and client and organizational outcomes
4. Pediatric and Adolescent Health
5. Case Presentations
6. Prenatal Health
7. Women's Health
8. Men's Health
9. Elder Health
10. Cardiovascular Health
11. Respiratory and Endocrine Conditions
12. Entering Practice/ Professional Development

Evaluation

To successfully achieve a passing grade for this course requires submission of all assignments and forms, an overall minimum grade of 70% in the assignments/exam component and an overall "Satisfactory" grade in the clinical component.

Assignments/Exam Component includes:

1. Paper to critically appraise a research article related to the individual, team, and system/organizational factors that influence early NP practice and develop strategies to proactively reduce or eliminate one of the identified team or organizational barriers to practice. Due Week 5. (25 %)
1. Paper & Presentation to demonstrate application of family theory in the assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation of a complex family situation. Due Week 9 (35%)
2. Final Exam to assess the learner's achievement of the overall program outcomes including the integration and application of knowledge in clinical decision making, problem solving, and critical thinking within the context of primary health care and the extended scope of practice. The exam will include multiple choice questions and case studies with short answer questions. The final exam is written during week 14. (40%)

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Clinical Component includes:

- mandatory seminar attendance
- seminar leadership
- seminar participation
- Mandatory clinical practicum: The clinical practicum is evaluated by the clinical preceptor(s) and tutor in collaboration with the learner, through direct observation, chart review, case discussion, and seminar participation. The tutor determines whether completion of the clinical practicum is satisfactory.