

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF NURSING
COURSE SYLLABUS
Summer 2021

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	NGR 6941
<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	DNP Practicum
<u>CREDITS</u>	1-4 Variable (48-192 clinical hours)
<u>PLACEMENT</u>	Final Clinical Course in the DNP Program
<u>PREREQUISITES</u>	All Required Clinical Courses

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COURSE DESCRIPTION This course provides an opportunity to synthesize advanced knowledge, skills, and behaviors in an advanced practice role within clinical specialty tracks. Students will practice under the supervision of faculty with agency preceptors in an appropriate facility or institution.

COURSE OBJECTIVES Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Evaluate scientific bases from extant and emerging areas of knowledge for advanced nursing practice.
2. Evaluate decision support systems to solve clinical problems for individuals, aggregates and systems.
3. Develop advanced leadership and collaborative skills to mobilize interdisciplinary teams to solve highly complex clinical problems.
4. Develop expertise to formulate health policy and provide leadership in establishing clinical excellence and creating new models of cost-effective health care delivery.

5. Critically assess, plan, intervene and evaluate the health experiences of individuals, aggregates and systems to provide safe, evidence-based care.
6. Synthesize knowledge of cultural diversity and global perspectives in delivering health care and in critiquing nursing systems.

CLINICAL/LABORATORY SCHEDULE/TECHNOLOGY

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Benitez	0406	TBD by clinical instructor	

To be arranged with preceptor and faculty member. All clinical logs and clinical site information will be entered via the EXXAT program. Students are required to use Exxat software associated with the UF account to schedule all clinical days and to record patient logs. The faculty will also use Exxat or otherwise communicate with the student to schedule the site visit. Students are required to submit a written calendar of planned clinical practice dates and times in Exxat prior to beginning the clinical rotation. Any changes to the calendar (dates and times) must be submitted in writing to the course faculty member before the change is planned to occur. Clinical hours accrued without prior knowledge of the faculty member will not be counted toward the total number of clinical hours required for the course. Students must notify preceptor and clinical faculty member of any missed clinical days due to illness.

Students also assess their learning experience using the Clinical Site Assessment Form. The Clinical Site Assessment Form is submitted in Exxat. At the middle of the clinical experience the student completes a self-evaluation. The faculty member completes a student evaluation using the College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form.

Exxat clinical log information must be updated weekly. The student has a 7-day window to post each clinical contact. You are required to complete ALL of the data for each case in Exxat.

For technical problems, you may reach out to the Exxat support team at support@exxat.com

We will have face-to-face instructional sessions in the clinical setting to accomplish the student learning objectives of this course. In response to COVID-19, the following policies and requirements are in place to maintain your learning environment and to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions.

- You are required to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings. Following and enforcing these policies and requirements are all of our responsibility. Failure to do so will lead to a report to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms ([Click here for guidance from the CDC on symptoms of coronavirus](#)), please use the UF Health screening system and follow the instructions on whether you are able to attend class. [Click here for UF Health guidance on what to do if you have been exposed to or are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms](#).
- Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. [Find more information in the university attendance policies](#)

- You are expected to adhere to all policies of the clinical agency to maintain safety such as wearing approved personal protective equipment. It is your responsibility to act in accordance with the UF Health Student COVID-19 Pledge

E-Learning in Canvas is the course management system that you will use for this course. E-Learning in Canvas is accessed by using your Gatorlink account name and password at <http://elearning.ufl.edu/>. There are several tutorials and student help link on the E-Learning login site. If you have technical questions call the UF Computer Help Desk at 352-392-HELP or send email to helpdesk@ufl.edu.

It is important that you regularly check your Gatorlink account email for College and University wide information and the course E-Learning site for announcements and notifications.

Course websites are generally made available on the Friday before the first day of classes.

TEACHING METHOD

Supervision with observation; precepted clinical practice activities with faculty and preceptor evaluation; guided online, synchronous clinical seminar

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Direct patient care and clinical documentation.

Supervised onsite clinical practice and online assignments with analysis of selected clients reflecting ongoing and emergent clinical issues; verbal and written reports related to assessment, diagnosis and management plans.

Supervised clinical practice: In DNP Practicum, students prepare to transition to the advanced practice nurse (APN) role and achieve APN clinical competencies. Clinical practice under the supervision of an approved preceptor should include:

- Taking client histories and conducting physical examinations; constructing differential diagnoses and provisional diagnosis; developing treatment plans congruent with evidence-based practice; presenting cases in written and verbal forms to peer groups and interdisciplinary team; writing and dictating activities in an electronic health record; analyzing scholarly works to support diagnostic approaches and treatment plan.

CLINICAL EVALUATION

In DNP Practicum, minimum required clinical practice hours vary dependent on curriculum plan. Minimum Required Clinical Practice Hours: 192 hours

Clinical experiences are evaluated through faculty observation, verbal communication with the student and preceptor, written work, and agency reports using a College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form. Faculty reserve the right to alter clinical experiences, including removal from the clinical area, of any student to maintain patient safety and to provide instructional experiences to support student learning.

Evaluation of clinical competency is based on achievement of course and program objectives

using a College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form. All areas are to be rated by the preceptor. A rating of Satisfactory represents satisfactory performance and a rating of Unsatisfactory represents unsatisfactory performance. The student must achieve a final rating of Satisfactory by a preceptor and faculty in each area by completion of the semester to achieve a passing grade for the course. A rating of less than satisfactory in any of the areas at semester end will constitute an Unsatisfactory (U) course grade.

The faculty member will hold evaluation conferences with the student and clinical preceptor at each site visit via Zoom. Rotation evaluation conferences will be made available to each student.

All Zoom conferences with the faculty member are mandatory and will be held at a designated time agreed upon by faculty, preceptor and student. A student may request additional conferences at any time by contacting the clinical faculty.

CLASS ATTENDANCE AND MAKE UP POLICY

Clinical hours must be completed within the semester timeframe. Students submit a written calendar of planned clinical practice dates and times prior to beginning the clinical rotation. Changes to the calendar (dates and times) must be submitted in writing to the course faculty before the change is planned to occur. Clinical hours accrued without prior knowledge of the faculty will not be counted toward the total number of clinical hours required for the course. Students must notify preceptor and clinical faculty of any missed clinical days due to illness. For additional details, please see the College of Nursing Website (Clinical Courses for DNP Students)

Any make up clinical days must be pre-arranged with faculty and approved by the clinical preceptor. Make-up seminars are not available. The student should notify the faculty member in advance if an illness or emergency affects seminar attendance. Faculty will consider such situations on a case-by-case basis. For additional information about absences, students should refer to attendance policies outlined in the Student Handbook on the College of Nursing Website (see Attendance).

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations/#text>

GRADING SCALE

- S Satisfactory
- U Unsatisfactory

The following activities must be completed satisfactorily to earn an S grade in this course:

1. A minimum of clinical hours and encounters documented in Exxat (as required by curriculum plan)
 - a. Exxat documentation will be assessed at midterm and final
 - b. Students must document all clinical hours and encounters.
2. Satisfactory participation in all scheduled synchronous (live online or in-person), on-line seminars.
3. Satisfactory participation in Discussion Board activities.

4. Satisfactory rating on final clinical evaluation forms submitted by preceptor.
5. Student submission of final evaluation of preceptor and site via Exxat.

Refer to your Canvas for specific information including rubrics regarding assignments and Discussion Board assignments.

For more information on grades and grading policies, please refer to University's grading policies: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations/>

COURSE EVALUATION

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITY

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

The College of Nursing expects all Nursing students to be professional in their interactions with patients, colleagues, faculty, and staff and to exhibit caring and compassionate attitudes. These and other qualities will be evaluated during patient contacts and in other relevant settings by both faculty and peers. Behavior of a Nursing student reflects on the student's individual's ability to become a competent professional Nurse. Attitudes or behaviors inconsistent with compassionate care; refusal by, or inability of, the student to participate constructively in learning or patient care; derogatory attitudes or inappropriate behaviors directed at patients, peers, faculty or staff; misuse of written or electronic patient records (e.g., accession of patient information without valid reason); substance abuse; failure to disclose pertinent information on a criminal background check; or other unprofessional conduct can be grounds for disciplinary measures including dismissal.

As students in the health professions at UF Health, you are expected to promote safety and a culture of care and concern for each other and for patients. Across our academic health center's missions of research, teaching and patient care, nursing students must lead by example and take individual responsibility for modeling healthy habits and behaviors to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Failure to comply with the established public health measures, both on and off campus, is considered a serious breach of professional conduct.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/> . Students are required to provide their own privacy screen for all examination's administered to student laptops. No wireless keyboards or wireless mouse/tracking device will be permitted during examinations.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE OF NURSING POLICIES

Please see the College of Nursing website for student policies (<http://students.nursing.ufl.edu/currently-enrolled/student-policies-and-handbooks/>) and a full explanation of each of the university policies – (<http://students.nursing.ufl.edu/currently-enrolled/course-syllabi/course-policies>)

UF Grading Policy

Religious Holidays

Counseling and Mental Health Services

Student Handbook

Faculty Evaluations

Student Use of Social Media

REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS: All texts from previous courses

Weekly Class Schedule
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Course Calendar
May 10 – August 6

Assignments are due Sunday of respective week at 11:59 PM

Online Clinical Documentation and Site Visits:

- All clinical hours, patient logs, and evaluations will be completed via Exxat.
- Each student is responsible for entering clinical dates and hours into Exxat. Those clinical dates/hours must be sent to their clinical site preceptor for approval.
- All clinical hours will be verified by clinical site preceptor via Exxat.
- Students are responsible for 3-4 patient logs each clinical date.
- Site visits via Zoom will be completed by faculty at least once per semester/as needed.
- The clinical preceptor should plan to be present for a portion of the Zoom site visits.

Week 1 May 10	Welcome Module *There will be a mandatory, live OSCE exam this semester. Date of OSCE will be announced at a later time. Once date is announced, please plan your schedule accordingly*	Due: May 16
Week 2 May 17	Barkley DRT #1 Due	Due: May 23
Week 3 May 24	No Assignment.	
Week 4 May 31	No Assignment.	
Week 5 June 7	Conflict Resolution Assignment Due	Due: June 13
Week 6 June 14	CV Assignment Due	Due: June 20
Week 7	Summer Break June 21-June 27 Midterm Mark: 50% of clinical hours Midterm Evaluations are Due in Exxat	
Week 8 June 28	No Assignment.	
Week 9 July 6	No Assignment. <i>(July 5 Observance of Independence Day)</i>	
Week 10 July 12	Barkley DRT #2 Due	Due: July 18
Week 11 July 19	No Assignment.	
Week 12 July 26	Final Site and Preceptor Evaluations Due in Exxat Final Clinical Hours and Patient Logs Due in Exxat Last Day for Clinicals: August 1, 2021 at midnight.	Due: August 1
Week 13 August 2- August 6	Last Week of Classes Final Grades Due	

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