

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF NURSING
COURSE SYLLABUS
Summer 2021

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	NGR 6941
<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	DNP Practicum (Psych/Mental Health)
<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 SCHEDULE

Clinical schedule will be arranged by student and preceptor with faculty member oversight. A

copy of each student's planned clinical schedule is due by end of the first week of the course. Schedules may only be modified with preceptor and faculty approval.

Our class sessions may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

If you have face-to-face instructional sessions on campus; 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 links 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

Synchronous supervision seminar, supervised clinical practice, written assignments, and selected readings

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Supervised clinical practice with preceptor
- Biweekly synchronous faculty supervision virtually for 1-2 hours. Time TBD.
- Four written case presentations
- Selected readings

Objective Structure Clinical Examination (OSCE)

As part of the requirements for the course, each student must complete an OSCE to evaluate clinical skills with a standardized patient. As these assignments require services of professional patients, they will only be offered once and cannot be rescheduled.

Please reserve Wednesday August 4th, 2021 for completing your OSCE. Details will be provided closer to the date of exam time for each student.

CLINICAL EVALUATION

Clinical experience will be evaluated through faculty observation, verbal communication with the student, written work, and agency staff reports using a College of Nursing Midterm and Final Clinical Evaluation Form. Faculty reserve the right to alter clinical experiences, including removal from client care areas, of any student to maintain patient safety and to provide instructional experiences to support student learning.

Evaluation will be based on achievement of course and program objectives using a College of Nursing Clinical Evaluation Form. All areas are to be rated. A rating of Satisfactory represents satisfactory performance and a rating of Unsatisfactory represents unsatisfactory performance.

The student must achieve a rating of Satisfactory in each area by completion of the semester in order 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 course grade.

Faculty will hold a conference with the student to review the student's Midterm Self-Evaluation. Faculty will also meet with the student and preceptor at the clinical site at least once during the semester to evaluate progression in the course. Additional faculty conferences are available upon request and may be required at faculty discretion. Course faculty will complete a Final Clinical Evaluation Form based on conferences, student's participation in supervision seminar, and feedback on the preceptor's Midterm and Final Clinical evaluations.

Mandatory Documentation of Clinical Hours and Experiences

Students are required to use Exxat software associated with the UF account to schedule all clinical days and to record patient logs. Students should enter at least one patient log for each clinical hour recorded in EXXAT. 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

MAKE UP POLICY

Students will provide a planned clinical schedule as noted above. Students will notify faculty (and preceptor) in advance for any anticipated absences, missed assignments due to excused absences, or missed clinical hours. Students will develop arrangements with the faculty or and clinical preceptor as required to make up missed written or clinical assignments, as well as clinical hours.

GRADING SCALE

S Satisfactory

U Unsatisfactory

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 TEXTBOOKS

All texts from previous courses

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

Approved: Academic Affairs Committee: 01/97; 11/01; 03/15
Faculty: 04/97; 10/01; 03/15
UF Curriculum: 08/97; 03/00; 04/15