UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF NURSING

COURSE SYLLABUS

Spring 2023

COURSE NUMBER NGR 7970L

COURSE TITLE Advanced Nursing Project

CREDITS 4 (1-2 credits per semester with faculty approval)

PLACEMENT DNP Program

COREQUISITE None

FACULTY

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| Semesters 2-3-4-Course Facilitator |
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| Various Faculty |

\* Faculty are generally available to meet with students (in the office or virtually) as listed above. Due to professional travel and other unavoidable obligations, faculty may not be present every week without notice. It advisable that students confirm availability or make an appointment in advance.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The advanced nursing project provides an opportunity for the student to demonstrate synthesis of learning and expertise. This synthesis will be evidenced through the development and dissemination of a scholarly work that contributes to evidence- based practice in a nursing specialty. The student is expected to integrate knowledge, theory, and research to address a selected specialty issue or clinical problem. The application of knowledge from all previous courses is emphasized.

COURSE OBJECTIVES Upon completion of this course(s) the student will be able to:

1. Propose a question or practice issue for which there is a need to acquire information from a variety of sources.
2. Evaluate the evidence from research, theory, and other sources pertinent to the proposed question or issue.
3. Appraise the evidence for its validity, predicted impact, and potential applicability to the proposed question or issue.
4. Synthesize findings and draw conclusions to address the issue and propose solution(s).
5. Analyze the limitations of the project and proposed solution(s).
6. Provide a scholarly presentation related to the project.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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/.](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](mailto: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.

**Faculty generally respond to emails within 48 hours, but may not respond during weekends or holidays.**

TEACHING METHODS

Supervision of project development.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Credit 1: (Course Objectives 1-3) The DNP Project focuses on examining and improving healthcare outcomes by employing quality improvement methodologies related to evidence-based practice priorities. Students create a concise problem statement that demonstrates the DNP elements (AACN, 2015) for their project. Use an externally-validated method for project development and implementation such as Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence (SQUIRE) for QI studies and PICO (P - patient, problem or population; I - intervention; C - comparison, control or comparator; O – outcome). Conduct an integrated literature review focusing on the most salient current evidence related to the health care problem being addressed. Develop the theory and methodology for the project. Develop draft project proposal sections by assignment due dates. Note: Final project-proposal plan must be approved by course faculty to receive a satisfactory grade.

Credit 2: Develop measurable objectives for semester with approved due dates. Finalize project paper and obtain faculty approval of completed proposal, begin data collection or implement project if final approval is received.

Credit 3: Develop measurable objectives for semester with approved due dates. Implement project (data collection or completion of project activities).

Credit 4: Develop measurable objectives for semester with approved due dates. Complete implementation/data collection if needed, Write Results, Discussion, and Conclusions. Submit abstract for presentation, develop poster or podium presentation, submit project for publication if part of objectives. Close out IRB

EVALUATION

Course Components include (but are not limited to):

* Assignments
* Project Plan and paper

Satisfactory completion (minimum 84% or “S”) of **each learning activity** and of each credit of project (100%).

MAKE UP POLICY

Only requests that have been given prior approval from assigned faculty for late submission will be given full credit if submitted after the posted deadline.

GRADING SCALE

S- Satisfactory

U- Unsatisfactory

Assignment feedback will generally be provided within 10 working days of assignment due.

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.

INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We strive to provide an inclusive learning environment as we prepare graduates who care, lead, and inspire. As we share our nursing values and personal beliefs inside or outside of the classroom, it is always with the understanding that we value and respect diversity of background, experience, and opinion, where every individual feels they belong to the College of Nursing community. <https://nursing.ufl.edu/wordpress/files/2022/08/BSN_DNP-Handbook-Jul-28-2022.pdf>

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Civility among all individuals in the CON (faculty, staff and students) is vital for an inclusive environment that fosters personal reflection, growth and a collective harmony. <https://nursing.ufl.edu/wordpress/files/2022/08/BSN_DNP-Handbook-Jul-28-2022.pdf>

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/>)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Eaton, S. E., Lenart, B. A., Jones, R., & Premji, Z. A. (2019). APA 7th Edition Training.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

Moran, K., Burson, R., & Conrad, D. (2020). *The doctor of nursing practice scholarly project: A framework for success*, 3rd ed. Burlington, MA, Jones &Bartlett Learning.

**ISBN-10 ‏: ‎**1284156958. **ISBN-13 ‏: ‎**978-1284156959

Zaccagnini, M. & Pechacek, J. (2021). *The Doctor of Nursing Practice Essentials: A New Model*

*for Advanced Practice Nursing.* Jones and Bartlet. **ISBN-10 : ‎**1284167070

**ISBN-13 ‏: ‎**978-1284167078

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