

## Course Descriptions

### Core Courses - 21 credits

- NUR 700 Healthcare Ethics for the APN
- NUR 701 Statistical Analysis for Evidenced Based Practice
- NUR 720 Organizational Behavior & Social Policy
- NUR 721 Leadership as an Advanced Practice Nurse
- NUR 722 Technology for Advanced Practice Nurses
- NUR 730 Research Utilization
- NUR 731 Evidenced Based Practice

### Clinical Core Courses - 18 credits

- NUR 800 DNP Scholarly Project 1
- NUR 810 DNP Scholarly Internship 1
- NUR 810 DNP Scholarly Project 2
- NUR 811 DNP Scholarly Internship 2
- NUR 820 DNP Scholarly Project 3
- NUR 821 DNP Scholarly Internship 3

**NUR 700 Ethics**-Examines ethical concepts foundational to advanced nursing practice. Application of a variety of decision making frameworks to address ethical dilemmas arising from complex care, use of technology, health care resources, health care policy, national and international health issues.

**NUR 701 Statistics**-Develop the statistical skills necessary to critically evaluate advanced practice nursing research using qualitative and quantitative methods to identify appropriate techniques for interpretation of results of independent research, and for presentation of results to improve clinical practice. Develop beginning proficiency for performing the analysis of clinical datasets using software programs such as SPSS, Excel and SAS/STAT.

**NUR 721 Leadership as an APN**-Explores leadership of the advanced practice nurse as it relates to clinical practice, improving health outcomes, and ensuring patient safety. Leadership and communication strategies will be examined in the role of the advanced practice nurse.

**NUR 720 Organizational Behavior**-Explores the advanced practice nursing role in health care delivery systems and outcomes in the delivery of health care. Health care delivery models and reimbursement mechanisms from policy and economic perspectives are examined. The advanced practice nursing role in applied research and formation of health care policy is emphasized.

**NUR 722 Technology for APN's**-Designed for the advanced practice nurse, this course examines computer applications within nursing administration, research, clinical practice, education, and health

care. Critical thinking concerning the social, legal and ethical aspects of computer technology is emphasized.

**NUR 730 Research Utilization**-Builds on prior knowledge of the nursing research process to support practice-based problems, interpretation and analysis of current evidence and literature. The analysis and interpretation of data from qualitative and quantitative research designs will be emphasized. The interrelationship of theory, research and practice will be analyzed.

**NUR 731 Evidenced Based Practice**-Focuses on the review, analysis, synthesis, and application of scientific evidence for advanced practice nursing and health care. The ethical, legal, cultural, and financial implication of evidence based advanced nursing practice is examined. Tools to develop a evidenced based practice project are explored.

**NUR 800 DNP Scholarly Project 1**-This is the first course of three courses developing a evidenced based scholarly project for advanced practice nursing. The student will conceptualize a scholarly research project in an area of advanced practice nursing. Synthesize knowledge and skills learned in previous courses to develop a evidenced based research project that makes a contribution to advanced practice nursing.

**NUR 801 DNP Scholarly Internship 1**-Clinical practice component complementing the didactic of APN Scholarly Project 1 that requires 135 clinical hours. This course integrates previous knowledge and skills as an advanced practice nurse and focuses on the development of the scholarly project question. The experience provides additional opportunities for clinical practice and expertise development.

**NUR 810 DNP Scholarly Project 2**-This is the second course of three courses in the development of a evidenced based scholarly project for advanced practice nursing. In this course the student will continue with the evidenced based nursing project. The focus is the completion of data collection, analysis and preparation of all components of the project. The student will work closely with an advanced practice nursing faculty in the preparation of the evidenced based research.

**NUR 811 DNP Scholarly Internship 2**- Clinical practice component complementing the didactic of APN Scholarly Project 2 that requires 135 clinical hours. Students will continue to refine advanced practice nursing skills and integrate the data collection component of their scholarly project.

**NUR 820 DNP Scholarly Project 3**-Final course of the three courses for the development of the evidenced based scholarly project in advanced practice nursing. The focus is the completion, defense and dissemination of the evidenced based project.

**NUR 821 DNP Scholarly Internship 3**-Clinical practice component complementing the didactic of APN Scholarly Project 3 that requires 135 clinical hours. Students will continue to engage in clinical practice and expertise development. The course will offer the student a venue to complete, evaluate and disseminate the evidenced based project.

**NUR 830 DNP Scholarly Advisement**-Provides ongoing faculty advisement until completion and defense of the capstone project.