NURS 6730: Public Health Nursing Leadership

Program Overview
Students in the Public Health Nursing specialization are prepared to take a lead role in improving health outcomes for entire populations, particularly those in underserved communities. The focus of the coursework is on skills such as assessing communities and populations; identifying high-risk groups; and developing culturally sensitive, realistic, population-based nursing interventions.

Course Description
The development of leadership strategies that support the delivery of population health by the public healthcare system is imperative to quality outcomes. Students address the application of principles and theories of leadership and management in a public health setting as well as the skills needed for nurses to provide effective leadership across agency partnerships at the local, state, national, and international levels. Special focus is placed on developing collaborative partnerships, systems thinking, evidence-based decision making, organizational problem-solving, public health finance and budgeting, accreditation, emergency preparedness, and global health competencies. Students complete a practicum with a public health-related agency emphasizing program evaluation and the use of management and leadership skills.

Credit & Practicum Hours
Quarter Credit Hours: 5 credits
- Didactic – 3 credits
- Practicum – 2 credits (144 practicum hours)
Practicum Hours: This course requires a minimum of 144 practicum hours.

Course Learning Outcomes
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MSN Learning Outcomes
At the end of this program, students will be able to:
1. Synthesize organizational/systems leadership for cost-effective specialist nursing practice that contributes to high-quality healthcare delivery, advancement of the nursing profession, and social change.
2. Critique evidence-based literature drawing from diverse theoretical perspectives and pertinent research to guide decision making that demonstrates best practices for specialist nursing practice in a global society.
3. Integratively assess, diagnose, plan, implement, and evaluate cost-effective healthcare strategies that reduce health disparities by patient/population advocacy for access to specialist nursing care.
4. Demonstrate ability to effectively communicate using audience-specific oral, written, and information technology for professional delivery of specialist nursing care.
5. Evaluate health needs of diverse populations for necessary teaching/coaching functions based on specialist nursing knowledge to restore/promote health and prevent illness/injury.
6. Exhibit ongoing commitment to professional development and value of nursing theories/ethical principles (altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, social justice) in accordance with ethically responsible, legally accountable, specialist nursing practice.
7. Implement specialist nursing roles to promote quality improvement of patient-centered care in accordance with professional practice standards that transform health outcomes for diverse populations.