NURS 8600: DNP Field Experience

Program Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program builds on the student’s knowledge and expertise to strengthen advanced nursing practice, augment healthcare delivery, and improve patient outcomes. The program’s coursework covers a range of topics, including healthcare policy and advocacy, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, information systems/technology, advanced nursing practice, and organizational and systems leadership.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to complete additional practicum hours to fulfill the 1,000-hour requirement of the DNP. Students may take the DNP Field Experience course up to six times, based on practicum hours attained prior to DNP admission. Students generate practicum portfolio evidence.

Credit & Practicum Hours

This 1-credit practicum course has a 1:6 ratio of credit to practicum hours, resulting in 72 practicum hours. Students may enroll in multiple credit hours for this course.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:
- Participate in a scholarly forum with colleagues and the course Instructor
- Demonstrate achievement of learning objectives related to the AACN DNP Essentials and specialty competencies for the Practicum Experience
- Develop advanced competencies for nursing practice

DNP Learning Outcomes

At the end of this program, students will be able to:
1. Translate research findings to direct evidence-based nursing practice.
2. Develop organizational system changes for quality improvement in healthcare delivery in response to local and/or global community needs.
3. Apply optimal utilization of healthcare information technology across healthcare settings.
4. Advocate for the advancement of nursing and healthcare policy through sharing of science-based knowledge with healthcare policy makers.
5. Demonstrate leadership to facilitate collaborative teams for improving patient and populations health outcomes.
6. Utilize advanced nursing practice knowledge to implement methodologies to improve population health outcomes.
7. Establish a foundation for lifelong learning for continual elevation of contributions to the field of nursing through active involvement in professional organizations and/or other professional bodies.