

Course Description

NSG0089 | Senior Practicum Intensive | 2.87 credits

This course provides students with an opportunity to develop and apply professional practice standards while participating in a 1:1 preceptor model in acute care clinical settings. Practicum experience will consist of 72 hours of direct performed under the direct supervision of an identified preceptor. The student will employ interventions to provide a positive outcome for patients across the life span while working with the interprofessional team, providing advocacy for patients, performing client-centered care. The student will also reflect on the care provided and patient experience addressing self-reflection, application of life-long learning principles, utilization of evidenced practice and demonstrate professional nursing competency on a standardized assessment.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will gain practical experience and develop critical competencies in various aspects of nursing practice, including patient care, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professional communication, by:

1. Engaging in hands-on patient care experiences to develop proficiency in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing interventions in diverse healthcare settings
2. Participating in interdisciplinary team-based simulations and exercises to enhance collaboration, communication, and care coordination with other healthcare professionals
3. Demonstrating practical professional communication skills by engaging in role-playing scenarios, debriefing sessions, and reflective practices to refine verbal and written communication with patients, families, and colleagues
4. Observing and assisting experienced nurses in performing clinical procedures, medication administration, and patient education to acquire practical skills and competencies relevant to nursing practice
5. Collaborating with healthcare teams to formulate holistic care plans, conduct health assessments, and advocate for patient-centered care strategies to address the unique needs of diverse patient populations
6. Participating in quality improvement initiatives, root cause analyses, and evidence-based practice projects to identify areas for improvement and implement effective solutions in nursing practice
7. Demonstrating cultural competence and sensitivity by engaging in activities that promote understanding of diverse cultural practices, beliefs, and traditions to provide culturally competent and respectful care
8. Utilizing technology and healthcare informatics to document patient information, access evidence-based resources, and engage in telehealth initiatives to enhance patient care and communication
9. Engaging in ethical decision-making exercises, case studies, and discussions to analyze ethical dilemmas, apply ethical principles, and navigate complex ethical situations encountered in nursing practice
10. Participating in ongoing professional development activities, continuing education opportunities, and mentorship programs to stay updated on best practices, emerging trends, and advancements in nursing practice
11. Engaging in reflective practice, self-assessment, and feedback mechanisms to identify personal strengths and areas for improvement and develop a continuous learning mindset to enhance nursing competencies
12. Acting as a patient advocate by engaging in activities that promote patient rights, informed consent, and empowerment to ensure a patient-centered approach in nursing practice and decision-making

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities