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**Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing Program**

The **Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing Track** is designed for non-nurses holding baccalaureate degrees in another field, who are interested in completing course requirements leading to a graduate degree in nursing. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination and the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) certification examination.

**Role and Qualifications:** Graduates of this track are prepared at the generalist level to assume the CNL role at the point of care. The CNL is responsible for the comprehensive clinical management of individuals, families and communities across the continuum of care in a variety of clinical settings, including virtual environments. The CNL designs and implements the plan of care, and is accountable for improving clinical outcomes and care processes in a quality, cost effective manner, as a key member of an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.

**Curriculum:** The 81 -credit Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing Track is completed through full-time study in preceptored clinical settings. The following course sequence is required for this curriculum of study. Students are admitted to this program in either the Spring or Fall semester of each academic year as a cohort.

**Plan of Study**

|                                     | <b>Course No.</b>                   | <b>Course Title</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>Clinical Hours</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| Year 1 Semester 1                   | NUR 500                             | Concepts of Professional Practice                            | 3              |                       |
|                                     | NUR 511                             | Fundamentals   | 5              | 90                    |
|                                     | NUR 516                             | Pathophysiology  | 3              |                       |
|                                     | NUR 520                             | Physical Assessment  | 3              | 45                    |
|                                     | <b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b> |  |                | <b>14</b>             |
| Year 1 Semester 2                   | NUR 510                             | Pharmacology   | 3              |                       |
|                                     | NUR 546                             | Caring for the Aging Population                              | 3              | 45                    |
|                                     | NUR 512                             | Medical Surgical   | 6              | 135                   |
|                                     | NUR 547                             | Informatics and Evidence Based Practice                      | 3              |                       |
|                                     | <b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b> |  |                | <b>15</b>             |
| Year 1 Semester 3                   | NUR 517                             | Psych/Mental Health  | 3              | 68                    |
|                                     | NUR 513 A                           | Nursing Care of Mother and Infant                            | 3              | 68                    |
|                                     | NUR 513 B                           | Nursing Care of Children                                     | 3              | 68                    |
|                                     | NUR 642                             | Cultural Diversity   | 3              |                       |
|                                     | NUR 639                             | Perspectives   | 3              |                       |
| <b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b> |                                     |  | <b>15</b>      | <b>204</b>            |
| Year 2 Semester 1                   | NUR 618                             | Advanced Medical Surgical                                    | 5              | 135                   |
|                                     | NUR 515                             | Population Health; Public, Community & Global Health Nursing | 5              | 90                    |
|                                     | NUR 628                             | Health Systems Management & Policy                           | 3              |                       |
|                                     | <b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b> |  |                | <b>13</b>             |
| Year 2 Semester 2                   | NUR 542                             | Preparation for Safe Practice                                | 3              |                       |
|                                     | NUR 619                             | Leadership Management (Capstone)                             | 5              | 135                   |
|                                     | NUR 627                             | Advanced Biostatistics and Epidemiology                      | 3              |                       |
|                                     | NUR 621                             | Advanced Nursing Theory                                      | 3              |                       |
|                                     | <b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b> |  |                | <b>14</b>             |
| Year 2 Semester 3                   | NUR 629                             | Transition into Professional Practice                        | 7              | 180                   |
|                                     | NUR 635                             | Nursing Research   | 3              |                       |
|                                     | <b>Total Semester Credits/Hours</b> |  |                | <b>10</b>             |
| <b>Total Program Credits/Hours</b>  |                                     |  | <b>81</b>      | <b>1059</b>           |

Degree requirements are subject to change