

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of West Florida Graduate Nursing Program is to educate the student to make contributions as a professional nurse – one who functions as a specialist, advanced practitioner, administrator, leader, educator, researcher, scholar, and a lifelong learner.

The nursing graduate of the UWF Graduate Nursing Program will critically and accurately use the nursing process with diverse clients while remaining sensitive to a variety of subcultural influences, healthcare delivery systems, and within a global environment. Based on progression from the baccalaureate nursing program, the graduate nursing program refines clinical skills and stimulates the use of research, analysis, synthesis, and active inquiry. The student will use knowledge to respond critically and make appropriate decisions. This graduate nursing program provides a service to the healthcare community by increasing the number of nurses who practice professional nursing at an advanced level in administration and education. The program also serves the populations' health needs by providing quality nursing care.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the UWF Master of Science in Nursing program should be able to do the following:

Content

- Describe and explain concepts of nursing, as well as other discipline theories, in the provision of holistic, quality care to diverse clients of all ages
- Discuss health care delivery system at an appropriate level of complexity
- Describe and explain cost effective uses of health care resources.

Critical Thinking

- Assess, apply, and analyze new research, knowledge, and healthcare policies to solve nursing problems, initiate changes, and improve nursing practices
- Use computer hardware and software to select and interpret statistical analyses
- Use comprehensive databases and information technologies to research, analyze, and plan strategies for problem solving

Communication

- Utilize professional, effective written and oral communication as a member of the interdisciplinary healthcare team
- Incorporate health promotion and disease prevention in functional wellness teaching and health strategies for clients and healthcare agencies

Integrity/Values

- Recognize, analyze, and evaluate ethical challenges and the ways in which these challenges impact client care and healthcare
- Describe the need for lifelong learning and describe a feasible plan for ongoing professional development
- Negotiate and assume the advanced practice nursing role in the healthcare setting through participation in agencies, groups, and organizations in the community, government, and nursing profession.

Project Management

Definition: The Project Management learning domain in nursing is organized into four categories with related student learning outcomes. Within each of the following categories, graduates should be able to do the following:

Project Conceptualization

- Design and execute a project to address a nursing problem
- Integrate multidisciplinary concepts, resources, and research appropriately

Self-Regulation

- Set appropriate goals for completing project
- Manage appropriate time-frame

Team-Work Skills

- Work effectively with others as a team member
- Assess quality of contributions of each team member and self accurately

Project Delivery

- Deliver a quality project on time
- Effectively present results using oral, written, and/or visual means

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Nursing graduate students will acquire advanced skills and knowledge that enable them to practice advanced professional nursing or pursue doctoral level study. Direct measures of the student learning outcomes are conducted using examinations, essays, papers, group work, online presentations, and problem solving activities. The capstone experience is a required role practicum under the direction of a preceptor. Finally, the graduating student will participate in an exit survey upon completion of degree requirements.

Job Prospects for Master of Science in Nursing Graduates

Director of Nursing

Nursing Administrator

Hospital Administration

Healthcare Organization Administrator

Middle and Upper Management Healthcare
position

Undergraduate Nursing School Faculty

Continuing Educator Director

Nursing Service Educator

Staff Development Director

Case Manager

Consultant

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