

ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

Master of Science Nursing

CIP Code 51.3801

Mission Statement

The mission of the University of West Florida Graduate Nursing Program is to educate the student to make contributions in advanced nursing practice in roles including leader, administrator, educator, researcher, scholar, and a life-long 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 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 education, executive, and primary care. The program also serves the populations' health needs by providing quality nursing care.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Content

- Integrate scientific findings from nursing, biopsychosocial fields, global initiatives and other sciences to improve patientcare across the lifespan and in diverse settings.
- Use Methods, technology and other tools, performance measures, and standards related to quality improvement and safety with organizations.

Critical Thinking

- Utilize organizational and systems leadership to promote decisions directed at achieving high quality, safe, and cost efficient patient care.
- Translate and integrate scholarship, educational strategies, and evidence into practice settings to optimize quality patient outcomes.
- Integrate broad organizational, client-centered, and culturally appropriate concepts to provide evidence-based clinical prevention, care and services to individuals, families, and populations.

Communication

- Utilize patient-centered communication technologies to integrate, deliver and enhance health care across the lifespan.

- Collaborate as a member and leader of inter-professional teams to intervene at the system level through policy development processes and employing advocacy strategies to influence health, education and practice.

Integrity/Values

- Provide care and mentoring in a compassionate manner that respects, protects, and enhances spiritual integrity, human dignity, and cultural diversity

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, observation, 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
Primary care office
Minute clinic
Urgent care
Hospital care provider*

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