

Program Competencies and Terminal Objectives

Competencies	NURS 501	NURS 502	NURS 503	NURS 504	NURS * 505	NURS 507	NURS 600	NURS * 601	NURS 602	NURS 603	NURS * 604	NURS 605	NURS 606	NURS 607	NURS * 608
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Scientific Foundations	Integrates scientific findings from nursing, biopsychosocial fields, genetics, public health, quality improvement, and organizational sciences for the continual improvement of nursing care across diverse settings
Leadership	Recognizes that organizational and systems leadership are critical to the promotion of high quality and safe patient care. Leadership skills are needed that emphasize ethical and critical decision making, effective working relationships, and a systems-perspective
Quality	Recognizes that advanced practice nurse must be articulate in the methods, tools, performance measures, and standards related to quality, as well as prepared to apply quality principles within an organization
Practice Inquiries	Recognizes that the advanced practice nurse applies research outcomes within the practice setting, resolves practice problems, works as a change agent, and disseminates results
Technology / Information	Recognizes that the advanced practice nurse applies research outcomes within the practice setting, resolves practice problems, works as a change agent, and disseminates results
Policy	Recognizes that the advanced practice nurse is able to intervene at the system level through the policy development process and to employ advocacy strategies to influence health and healthcare
Health Del. Systems	Recognizes that the advanced practice nurse applies and integrates broad, organizational, client-centered, and culturally appropriate concepts in the planning, delivery, management, and evaluation of evidence-based clinical prevention and population care and services to individuals, families, and aggregates/identified populations. As a member and leader of interprofessional healthcare system, the advanced practice nurse communicates, collaborates, and consults with other health professionals to manage and coordinate care.
Ethics	Includes matters involving moral principles and social policy including professional guidelines for advanced practice nursing when providing care
Independent Practice	Recognizes that nursing practice, at the master's level, is broadly defined as any form of nursing intervention that influences healthcare outcomes for individuals, populations, or systems. Advanced practice nurses must have an advanced level of understanding of nursing and relevant sciences as well as the ability to integrate this knowledge into practice. Nursing practice interventions include both direct and indirect care.