NURS488 Practicum in Nursing: Health Services Improvement Work Experience.

Practice in health care settings is the focus of this course. Students participate in a reflective experience that provides the context to integrate classroom and experiential learning into an evolving professional identity. Students work to obtain 84 clinical hours in a hospital setting under the supervision of a preceptor. A group of two or more students will work on a quality improvement project that is an identified need of the preceptor’s department. The objectives of this course are for students to:

- Participate in the processes of quality improvement, within the legal role of a student, demonstrating integration of basic and specialty knowledge and skills, with attention to diversity issues.
- Explain how the professional nurse/student functions within the interdisciplinary health care team with a particular focus on how to continuously improve nursing care.
- Develop interpersonal and interdisciplinary relationships that foster team work and communication between all members of the quality improvement project team.
- Describe the development of a professional identity focusing on the interactions observed, actions taken, and the interactions engaged in as you work in your clinical setting.
- Analyze use of self in selected interactions, exploring how a proactive approach, goals, self-management, interpersonal relationships, communication, and cooperation influence your achievement of desired outcomes.
- Apply principles of quality improvement to a work setting issue, or a nursing issue.
- Demonstrate application of informatics competencies in an analysis of a selected quality improvement project.