

Online Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum

Gonzaga offers the Online Master of Science in Nursing degree emphasizing development of Nursing Administrators and Nurse Educators.

Family Nurse Practitioner Curriculum – Nurses in this option provide primary care to individuals and families of all ages and are able to manage a wide variety of both acute and chronic health problems.

Psychiatric-Mental Health Curriculum - This option prepares students to work as psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists.

Nurse Educator Curriculum - Nurses in this option are prepared to work as educators in academic, hospital, and community-based settings.

Health Systems Leadership Curriculum - Nurses in this option are prepared to assume administrative positions in inpatient, outpatient, and community-based settings.

Family Nurse Practitioner

Family nurse practitioners provide a holistic approach to primary care for individuals and families of all ages and are able to manage a wide variety of both acute and chronic health problems. They particularly emphasize health promotion and patient involvement in management of health care problems. Family nurse practitioners work in independent as well as collaborative practice settings.

Residency: Two on campus visits each semester, one and a half days each, during 600 level course work

44 credit hours of graduate coursework are required for the Family Nurse Practitioner program.

Leadership Core Courses		15 credits
NURS 551	Contemporary Delivery	3 credits
NURS 552	Theoretical Foundations	3 credits
NURS 553	Evidence-Based Practice	3 credits
NURS 554	Professional Relationships	3 credits
NURS 555	Nursing Ethics	3 credits
Family Nurse Practitioner Core Courses		19 credits
NURS 523	Pathophysiology Course	3 credits
NURS 524	Pharmacology Course	3 credits
NURS 600	Health Assessment Course	4 credits
NURS 635P	Primary Care I	3 credits
NURS 636P	Primary Care II	3 credits
NURS 637P	Primary Care III	3 credits
Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum		10 credits
NURS 605P	Practicum I	2 credits
NURS 606P	Practicum II	2-4 credits
NURS 607P	Practicum III	2-4 credits
NURS 608P	Practicum IV	2-4 credits

Psychiatric-Mental Health

Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists promote optimal mental health and well-being and prevention of mental illness and treat those with a range of issues. Their clinical practice focuses on persons with diagnosed psychiatric disorders and individuals, families, or populations at risk for mental disorders. They are prepared

to provide the full range of services that comprise primary mental health care in diverse settings with a variety of clients/patients, provide clinical and professional leadership, and facilitate system improvements.

Residency: Three on campus visits each semester, two-days each, during 600 level course work

47 credit hours of graduate coursework are required for the Psychiatric-Mental Health program.

Leadership Core Courses		15 credits
NURS 551	Contemporary Delivery	3 credits
NURS 552	Theoretical Foundations	3 credits
NURS 553	Evidence-Based Practice	3 credits
NURS 554	Professional Relationships	3 credits
NURS 555	Nursing Ethics	3 credits
Psychiatric-Mental Health Core Courses		22 credits
NURS 523	Pathophysiology Course	3 credits
NURS 524	Pharmacology Course	3 credits
NURS 600	Health Assessment Course	4 credits
NURS 621M	Dynamic Care Formulation	3 credits
NURS 622M	Psychotherapy Interventions	3 credits
NURS 623M	Psychobiological Interventions	3 credits
NURS 624M	Health Care Systems	3 credits
Psychiatric-Mental Health Practicum Courses		10 credits
NURS 601M	Practicum I	1 credit
NURS 602M	Practicum II	3 credits
NURS 603M	Practicum III	3 credits
NURS 604M	Practicum IV	3 credits

Nurse Educator

This option prepares nurses to work as educators in academic, hospital, and community-based settings. Students develop an area of clinical specialization as well as skills in curriculum development, teaching-learning strategies, and evaluation. Particular emphasis is placed on tailoring content and practicum experiences to individual needs. Practicum experiences take place in a variety of educational settings.

Residency: One on campus visit during 600 level course work

36 credit hours of graduate coursework are required for the Nurse Educator program.

Leadership Core Courses		15 credits
NURS 551	Contemporary Delivery	3 credits
NURS 552	Theoretical Foundations	3 credits
NURS 553	Evidence-Based Practice	3 credits
NURS 554	Professional Relationships	3 credits
NURS 555	Nursing Ethics	3 credits
Nurse Educator Core Courses		15 credits
NURS 523	Pathophysiology Course	3 credits
NURS 641E	Curriculum Development	3 credits
NURS 642E	Teaching-Learning Strategies	3 credits
NURS 643E	Assess Learning and Eval	3 credits
NURS 644E	Current Issues	3 credits
Nurse Educator Practicum Courses		6 credits
NURS 631E	Practicum I	1-3 credits
NURS 632E	Practicum II	1-3 credits
NURS 633E	Practicum III	1-3 credits

Health Systems Leadership

This option prepares nurses to assume administrative positions in inpatient, outpatient, community-based, and academic settings. Students gain knowledge and competency in financial and human capital management, as well as strategies for responding to the ethical and legal issues encountered in administrative roles.

Residency: One on campus visit during 600 level course work

36 credit hours of graduate coursework is required for the Health Systems Leadership program.

Leadership Core Courses		15 credits
NURS 551	Contemporary Delivery	3 credits
NURS 552	Theoretical Foundations	3 credits
NURS 553	Evidence-Based Practice	3 credits
NURS 554	Professional Relationships	3 credits
NURS 555	Nursing Ethics	3 credits
Health Systems Leadership Core Courses		15 credits
NURS 641A	Nurs Leadership Development	3 credits
NURS 642A	Info and Quality Management	3 credits
NURS 643A	Communication Management	3 credits
NURS 644A	Financial Stewardship	3 credits
NURS 645A	Legal, Regulatory, and Ethical	3 credits
Health Systems Leadership Practicum Courses		6 credits
NURS 631A	Practicum I	1-3 credits
NURS 632A	Practicum II	1-3 credits
NURS 633A	Practicum III	1-3 credits

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