The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing

**DNP Program**

**N6620 DNP Practicum I/N6621 DNP Practicum II**

**(270 Practice Hours each semester)**

**All Semesters 2013**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Varies by semester. The Practicum experience is an individually negotiated experience. Supervising faculty will vary according to student identified learning experiences.

**WORLD WIDE WEB SITE:** <http://www.uta.edu/nursing>

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:** NURS 6326. Progression to DNP Practicum II requires successful completion of DNP Practicum I.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS:**

**None required – references/materials are at the discretion of the student and practicum faculty. Students are expected to use current literature to support the practicum learning activities and objectives.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Emphasis on the development of clinical expertise in the management of health problems in selected populations.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Conduct a clinical research project.

2. Guide a multidisciplinary team in the delivery of care to selected populations.

3. Evaluate evidence-based care for patients, providers, and health care system.

4. Implement comprehensive, evidence-based care to promote health, prevent illness, and treat illness in patients and selected populations.

5. Disseminate the findings of the clinical research project to promote evidence-based practice.

In addition to the learning outcomes above, the student will develop specific Practicum objectives and activities. Practicum objectives will be approved by the supervising faculty and serve as the basis for completion and evaluation of the Practicum experience. The Practicum builds on previous NP education and may expand the student’s clinical expertise and/or leadership in an area of choice. Students are individually mentored by a doctorally prepared NP faculty member to determine the focus of the Practicum. The student will complete the Practicum experiences in conjunction with experts and/or resource individuals in the practice environment. The DNP Practicum is conceptualized broadly and incorporates the breadth of DNP practice.

**ATTENDANCE AND DROP POLICY:**

Attendance at and participation in identified practicum activities is expected of all students.

Students are responsible for scheduling and completing individual Practicum objectives as negotiated with the faculty.

DNP students who wish to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with their Graduate Advisor. Regulations pertaining to adding or dropping courses are described below. Adds and drops may be made through late registration either on the Web at MyMav or in person through the student’s academic department. Drops may occur until a point in time two-thirds of the way through the semester, session, or term. The last day to drop a course is listed in the Academic Calendar available at [http://www.uta.edu/uta/acadcal.](http://www.uta.edu/uta/acadcal)

1. A student may not add a course after the end of late registration.
2. A student dropping a graduate course after the Census Date but on or before the end of the 10th week of class may with the agreement of the instructor, receive a grade of W but only if passing the course with a C or better average. A grade of W will not be given if the student does not have at least a C average. In such instances, the student will receive a grade of F if he or she withdraws from the class. Students dropping a course must: (1) complete a Course Drop Form (available online <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/MSN/drop_resign_request.pdf> or DNP office rooms 605 or 606); (2) obtain faculty signature and current course grade; and (3) submit the form to DNP office rooms 605 or 606. Please note that the MSN Drop form is used for DNP Program students as well.
3. A student desiring to drop all courses in which he or she is enrolled is reminded that such action constitutes withdrawal (resignation) from the University. The student must indicate intention to withdraw and drop all courses by filing a resignation form in the Office of the Registrar or by: (1) Completing a resignation form (available online <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/MSN/drop_resign_request.pdf> or DNP office rooms 605 or 606; (2) obtaining faculty signature for each course enrolled and current course grade; (3) Filing the resignation form in the College of Nursing office room 606 or 606; and (4) Filing the resignation form in the Office of the Registrar in Davis Hall room 333.
4. In most cases, a student may not drop a graduate course or withdraw (resign) from the University after the 10th week of class. Under extreme circumstances, the Dean of Graduate Studies may consider a petition to withdraw (resign) from the University after the 10th week of class, but in no case may a graduate student selectively drop a course after the 10th week and remain enrolled in any other course. Students should use the special Petition to Withdraw for this purpose. See the section titled Withdrawal (Resignation) From the University for additional information concerning withdrawal.

**Census Date: - Monday, September 9, 2013**

### Last Date Drop or Withdraw: - Wednesday, October 30, 2013

**SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

* Clinical Practice

The clinical practice requirement may be met in a variety of ways, based on student objectives and faculty approval. These objectives may include direct or indirect care of individuals and/or populations.

* Lead multidisciplinary care conference (as appropriate)
* Conduct Clinical Project (students may apply a maximum of 120 hrs of project completion activities each Practicum semester to meet the 270 practice hour requirement)
* Clinical Evaluation (as appropriate)
* Clinical Log
* Evaluation of Practicum objectives
* Presentation of findings
* Written report of clinical research project
* Plans for dissemination

**TEACHING METHODS/STRATEGIES**

* Practice Experience
* Faculty/Individual conference

**COURSE EVALUATION & FINAL GRADING):**

This is a Pass/Fail course (Grade is F/P/R). As a result, the student is expected to complete the course and individual practicum objectives in order to pass the course. Successful completion of N6620 DNP Practicum I is a prerequisite for N6621 DNP Practicum II.

**By the end of N6621 DNP Practicum II** the student must complete and present the Clinical Project. If the student is unable to complete the Clinical Project, a grade of “R” will be entered. The student will repeat N6621 DNP Practicum II and complete the Clinical Project.

All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered license as designated by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) to participate in graduate clinical nursing courses. It is also imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BON must immediately notify the Associate Dean and Department Chair for the DNP Program, Dr. Mary Schira. The complete policy about encumbered licenses is available online at: <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/grad/unencumbered>

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:** You signed a Confidentiality Form in orientation and were provided a copy of the form. Please take your copy of this Confidentiality Form with you to your practice site (if a clinical practice site). Please do not sign other agency confidentiality forms. Contact your faculty if the agency requires you to sign their confidentiality form.

**GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK:** Students are responsible for knowing and complying with policies and information contained in the Graduate Catalog. Available online at: <http://grad.pci.uta.edu>.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.  Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.   Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES :** UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

**STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS:** The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing supports the Student Code of Ethics Policy. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with the Code.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

Per UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with the University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."

**PLAGIARISM:** Copying another student’s paper or any portion of it is plagiarism. Additionally, copying a portion of published material (e.g., books or journals) without adequately documenting the source is plagiarism. If five or more words in sequence are taken from a source, those words must be placed in quotes and the source referenced with author’s name, date of publication, and page number of publication. If the author’s ideas are rephrased, by transposing words or expressing the same idea using different words, the idea must be attributed to the author by proper referencing, giving the author’s name and date of publication. If a single author’s ideas are discussed in more than one paragraph, the author must be referenced at the end of each paragraph. Authors whose words or ideas have been used in the preparation of a paper must be listed in the references cited at the end of the paper. Students are encouraged to review the plagiarism module from the UT Arlington Central Library via <http://library.uta.edu/tutorials/Plagiarism>.

**BOMB THREATS:** If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA will attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by bomb threats. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

**E-CULTURE POLICY:** The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University email address as an official means of communication with students. Through the use of email, UT-Arlington is able to provide students with relevant and timely information, designed to facilitate student success. In particular, important information concerning department requirements, registration, financial aid and scholarships, payment of bills, and graduation may be sent to students through email. All students are assigned an email account and information about activating and using it is available at [www.uta.edu/email](http://www.uta.edu/email). Students are responsible for checking their email regularly.

**NO GIFT POLICY:** In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing has a “no gift” policy. A donation to one of the UTA College of Nursing Scholarship Funds, found at the following link: is <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/student-resources/scholarship> would be an appropriate way to recognize a faculty member’s contribution to your learning.  For information regarding Scholarship Funds, please contact the Dean’s office.

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Research Information on Nursing:

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**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

Inclement Weather (School Closing) Inquiries:

Metro: (972) 601-2049

Fax Number UTA College of Nursing: (817) 272-2065

**Attn: Graduate DNP Office**

UTA Police (Emergency Only): (817) 272-3003

**Mailing Address for Packages Related to the Course**

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