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 2016**

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**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 doctoral 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:** At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance.

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

**Census Date: - Per Graduate School Calendar**

### Last Date Drop or Withdraw: - Per Graduate School Calendar

**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 Chair for the DNP Program, Dr. Lauri John. 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, 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.

**Title IX:** The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to upholding U.S. Federal Law “Title IX” such that no member of the UT Arlington community shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. For more information, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX).

**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.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. 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 University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University.

**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.

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week:** A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**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.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

**DNP COURSE SUPPORT STAFF:**  **Ashleigh Johnson, Administrative Assistant I**

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**LIBRARY INFORMATION:** Peace Ossom Williamson, MLS, MS, AHIP

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**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

Inclement Weather (School Closing) Inquiries:

Metro: (972) 601-2049

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**Attn: Graduate DNP Office**

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

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

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