Overview

Today's rapidly changing healthcare delivery environment requires nurse executives to effectively lead change to achieve organization goals and improvements. Registered nurses need to hold an active nursing license and have considerable clinical experience and education to become a nurse leader or manager. The Nursing Leadership and Management Field Experience provides the graduate student with an opportunity to work collaboratively within the organization where he/she is employed to address an identified nursing problem, need, or gap in current practices. Students then work to promote a practice change, quality improvement, or innovation that is based on the existing evidence and best practices.

Competencies

- **Communication and Building Relationships**
  The graduate utilizes effective communication and relationship-building practices at all levels of interaction in the healthcare environment.

- **knowledge of the Healthcare Environment**
  The graduate utilizes public and organizational policies, nursing standards, evidence from research for best practice, and quality improvement to evaluate and improve the healthcare environment.

- **Leadership**
  The graduate demonstrates a leadership role by effectively designing and implementing patient safety and quality improvement initiatives within the context of transprofessional care guided by evidence for best practice.

- **Collaboration**
  The graduate effectively designs and implements a contemporary, organizationally relevant initiative within the context of transprofessional care.

- **Organizational Business Administration**
  The graduate designs plans to implement appropriate business practices within a healthcare organization.
Welcome to your Nursing Leadership and Management Field Experience course! This part of your second year Master’s program involves writing your Capstone Project Plan, the paper describing your project. Begin the course by reviewing the learning resources available to you including your VitalSource e-texts and scholarly journals. Next, review the Pacing Guide and develop a plan for completing your course of study. You should complete the learning block activities in the order they appear to ensure successful completion of your final project tasks. Be assured that your successful completion of the course is well supported by the course learning materials, your course mentors, and the MSN Capstone Writing Specialist. Check the course announcements for useful messages about the course and contact your course mentors for assistance as questions arise.

Cohort Sign-up

Cohorts provide additional structure and support for challenging aspects of this course. In a cohort you receive specific homework assignments and meet online with mentors and students regularly to discuss the challenging topics.

Assessments

Performance Assessment: Nursing Leadership and Management Field Experience

Status: Not Attempted
Code: FDP2

Course Information

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