

Nursing Electives – (2 credits)

The following course descriptions are for nursing electives for BSN and RN-BSN students.

NUR 4330A – Rooted in the Past, Standing in the Present, Reaching toward the Future: Awakening Your Call to Serve

The focus of the course is to explore the footsteps of the Bon Secours Sisters to cultivate one's call to serve. This course includes a pilgrimage to Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center, Bon Secours Baltimore hospital, and Bon Secours Paris. Students will explore the history, present, and future work of Bon Secours to reflect on one's journey of being and becoming a servant leader.

This course requires an application and acceptance.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: NUR 1101 and 2100

RN-BSN Program: NUR 3208 and 3240

NUR 4330B Nursing Informatics

This course focuses on technology in healthcare. Concepts of nursing informatics are synthesized with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for safe and effective care of patients. The QSEN competency of informatics is emphasized. Content includes basic computer and communication technology, networking software, databases, and their management, healthcare information systems, the World Wide Web, and electronic medical records.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: NUR 3111P

RN-BSN Program: NUR 3208, NUR 3240

NUR 4330C –Spirituality in Nursing: The Cultivation of Nursing as Ministry

This course focuses on the concepts and history of spirituality in nursing, the importance of attending to the whole person, and coming to know one's own spirituality in order to recognize and honor the spirituality in others. Spirituality is conceptualized as an integral component of holistic nursing practice. Through self-examination, reflection, and integration of concepts and theories related to holistic compassionate care, the student cultivates a practice of nursing as ministry.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: NUR 2100, NUR 2101, NUR 2102, NUR 2103P, NUR 3111, NUR 3111P, NUR 3116

RN-BSN Program: NUR 3208, NUR 3240, NUR 3205 or NUR 3209

NUR 4330D Opioid Crisis and Comprehensive Pain Management

This course will allow the student to explore the current issues surrounding opioid use and abuse all while understanding the different sources of pain, appropriate assessment tools, medication choices, and ethical considerations surrounding pain management.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: PHR 3102, NUR 3112

RN-BSN Program: Admission to the program

NUR 4330E Exploration of Emergency Nursing as a Specialty

This course will explore the role of the emergency nurse and what differentiates the emergency nurse from other specialties. The student will examine various roles in the emergency department, as well as community and professional organizations influencing nursing practice. Emergency nursing skills, legal and ethical issues, and current issues unique to emergency nursing will be incorporated to appreciate the complex role of the emergency nurse.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: NUR 3112, PHR 3102

RN-BSN Program: Admission to the program

NUR 4330F - Walk with Me: Palliative & Hospice Nursing Care

This course builds upon foundational nursing to apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary in nursing practice to increase awareness of palliative care/hospice and to encourage seriously ill patients/families to seek quality care at the end-of-life. The student will complete End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) modules to increase knowledge of the standards necessary to interact with patients needing palliative/hospice care. The course will help the student identify, refer, and participate with seriously ill patients and their families as part of the palliative care team or hospice.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: NUR 3104P, NUR 3111, NUR 3111P, NUR 3116, PHR 3101

RN-BSN Program: Admission to the program

NUR 4330G - Independent Study

The purpose of an independent study in nursing is to provide the student with an opportunity to pursue an area of interest in depth. In collaboration with a faculty member, the student will formulate his or her own learning objectives then determine the specific approaches to meet and evaluate those objectives.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: Requires approval from program track coordinator.

RN-BSN Program: NUR 3208, NUR 3240. Requires approval from program track coordinator.

NUR 4330H Exploration of Operation Room Nursing as a Specialty

Exploration of Operating Room Nursing as a Specialty is an investigation of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of the professional registered nurse in the intraoperative setting. This course will explore the complexities of the professional nurse's role in the intraoperative environment and the utilization of professionalism, advocacy, team work, and communication. This course is 1 credit didactic and 1 credit practicum allowing the student to learn concepts unique to intraoperative nursing followed by a focused 45 hour practicum observation in which the student will shadow a registered nurse in the setting.

Pre-requisites

BSN Program: NUR 3112, NUR 3112P, and PHR 3102

RN-BSN Program: NUR 3208

The following course descriptions are for nursing electives for RN-BSN students ONLY

NUR 4232 – Gerontological Concepts and Issues

This course promotes students' examination of successful aging across a continuum that will facilitate their appreciation of how aging has changed through history and is currently perceived and experienced across global cultures. The course focuses on consideration of students' and global societal values and attitudes relating to aging; and, how such values and attitudes of older people themselves, family members, interprofessional care providers, and society influence the quality of care that older adults desire and actually receive.

Pre-requisites: NUR 3208, NUR 3240

NUR 4233 – Specialty Certification for RNs (tentatively offered spring 2020)

This course will prepare the registered nurse for successful completion of a specialty certification. Exploration of a selected specialty provides the student with an opportunity to pursue an area of interest in depth. Lifelong learning will be emphasized in pursuit of certification, as well as the value of specialty nursing organizations offering certification. The student's individual practice experience will be highlighted to establish evidence in expertise in the selected specialty. There will be an emphasis on self-directed learning with the support of faculty.

*Note: Certification must be recognized by a professional organization or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certification Center

Pre-Requisite: NUR 3208