

**MSUM Doctor of Nursing Practice (Post-Master's)
Course Descriptions**

NURS 700, Theoretical Foundations for Nursing Practice (4 credits)

This course focuses on theoretical perspectives and foundations for inquiry in the discipline. The structure of nursing knowledge (phenomena, concepts, and theories) will be evaluated for its relationship to practice. The interrelationship of theory, research, and practice will be analyzed.

NURS 701, Applied Biostatistics (4 credits)

The goals of this course are to develop statistical skills necessary to evaluate critically biomedical research using advanced quantitative methods, to identify appropriate techniques for interpretation of results of independent research, and for presentation of results to improve clinical practice.

NURS 702, Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice (4 credits)

This course focuses on the conduct of clinical scholarship. Content includes transformational research approaches and evidence-based practice processes, including epidemiological methods. Evaluation methods of clinical practice change outcomes on individuals, groups, populations, and systems are addressed.

NURS 704, Clinical Prevention and Population Health (4 credits)

The conceptual foundations of culturally sensitive clinical prevention and population health in advanced nursing practice will be evaluated. A global perspective to clinical prevention and population health that bridges illness and preventive care models will be investigated and designed.

NURS 706, Organizational and Systems Leadership (4 credits)

Organizational and systems leadership skills critical for culturally sensitive nursing practice to improve healthcare and outcomes are enhanced. Focus is on transformational leadership, measurement of outcomes, data driven decision-making, and the business realities of leading within healthcare.

NURS 740, Clinical Scholarship I (3 credits)

This clinical seminar focuses on collaboration of interprofessional teams and the roles of advanced practice nurses within this collaboration. Development of a framework for identifying, implementing, and evaluating a collaborative effort is emphasized.

NURS 750, Clinical Scholarship II (3 credits: 1 credit seminar, 25 hrs; 2 credits clinical 100 hrs.)

Develop, implement, and evaluate culturally-sensitive approaches to improve health status/access patterns and/or address gaps in care of populations within a community of focus whether locally, nationally, or globally.

NURS 760, Clinical Scholarship III (3 credits: 1 credit seminar, 25 hrs; 2 credits clinical 100 hrs.)

This course focuses on development of consultative and leadership strategies for use in implementing a clinical practice approach to a clinical nursing practice problem. The inter-professional context along with various information technologies and information systems will be considered.

NURS 770, Clinical Scholarship IV: Capstone (3 credits: 1 credit seminar, 25 hrs; 2 credits clinical 100 hrs.)

This seminar and practicum focuses on accountability for advancing the nursing profession and contributing to the developing body of nursing practice knowledge. Addresses advocacy at all levels of policy implementation. Culminates in a successful oral defense of the capstone project.