

Post-MSN Certificate: Adult Advanced Practice Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Specialty (12 – 17 s.h.)

BIO 5600 Advanced Human Pathophysiology 3 s.h.

Prerequisite: BIO 3710 or equivalent. Focus on advanced pathophysiologic concepts over the adult life span using a research-based, system-focused approach. This will include developmental physiology, normal etiology, pathogenesis, and clinical manifestations of commonly found/seen altered health states. Acquisition of knowledge to guide the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) in clinical assessment, differential diagnosis, decision making, and the management of adults with various health conditions.

HSP 5010 Dimensions of Bereavement: Theory, Research, and Practice 3 s.h.

Co-requisite or prerequisite: HSP 5000. Identification and examination of current and emerging bereavement theories, emphasizing transdisciplinary clinical application with grieving individuals and families. The grieving process as a progression of coping, management, and growth through significant losses and life transitions. Skill development in designing effective coping strategies that facilitate healing in families and communities. Intended for persons desiring to work in palliative/end-of-life care settings and related health care and human service fields

NUR 5011 Multidimensional Assessment in Palliative Care: Psychosocial and Bereavement Issues 4-7 s.h. (max. 7 s.h.)

Prerequisites: NUR 5250 and HSP 5010. The role of the advanced practice palliative and hospice care nurse in the care of patients/ families experiencing life-limiting progressive illness. The clinical practicum focuses on assessment of the physiological, psychosocial, cultural, spiritual, and bereavement aspects of care. Students gain knowledge of the palliative care system, ranging through palliative care, hospice care, and family support services in bereavement.

NUR 5240 Health Promotion in Advanced Practice 1-3 s.h. (max. 3 s.h.)

Prerequisite: NUR 5000. Co-requisites: NUR 5850; NUR 5210. Analyze the evidence basis of health promotion practice with adolescents and adults. Analyze models of clinical decision making. Use logical reasoning to interpret and tailor health promotion interventions for client populations within the context of family, culture, systems, and community. Synthesize evidence supporting selected health screening and health promotion practices.

NUR 5250 Health Assessment in Advanced Practice 1-3 s.h. (max. 3 s.h.)

Prerequisite or co-requisite: BIO 5600, NUR 5240. Comprehensive and episodic health assessment practice with adolescents and adults in laboratory and clinical settings, including interpretation of selected diagnostic tests. Analyze diagnostic reasoning models and apply to advanced practice nursing contexts. Synthesize health promotion, health screening, and advanced health assessment knowledge in advanced practice nursing contexts. Prerequisite: admission to an Advanced Practice Nursing specialty program; NUR 3040 or equivalent within past five years.

NUR 5350 Pharmacology for the Advanced Practice Nurse 3 s.h.

Broad knowledge for the advanced practice nurse (APN) of pharmacotherapeutics. Examination of the evidence-based standards of care pertaining to the prescribing practices in the care of adult clients across the health care continuum.

NUR 5400 Integration of Advanced Nursing Knowledge and Roles in Practice 3 s.h.

Prerequisite or co-requisite: NUR 5000. Processes of role development, socialization, ethical comportment, and legal decision making are examined. Students explore innovations and emerging issues in a variety of advanced nursing roles.

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NUR 6800 Advanced Clinical Management of Complex Symptoms and Syndromes in Palliative Care 2-8 s.h. (max. 8 s.h.)

Discriminating plans of care and implementing treatment plans for clients experiencing complex symptoms and syndromes of terminal illness. Emphasis is on care of the client and family who are on a palliative care trajectory. Development of expertise in reflecting the nursing perspective and its contribution to transforming palliative care practice. Analysis of current trends and business practices that affect provision of quality care at the end of life and compassionate use of resources. Includes a clinical practicum.