NURSING

Nursing Department Overview

Mission Statement
The mission of the nursing department is to provide leadership in nursing education, scholarship, and practice that reflects a Christ-like presence as we prepare nurses at baccalaureate and graduate levels to serve, with excellence, a diverse and changing society.

Values
We value the perspectives of a Christian worldview that emphasize caring, service, integrity, the pursuit of excellence, and the inherent worth of all life.

We value the liberal arts context as the foundation for nursing education and practice.

We value education that is relational, active, evidence-based, and promotes critical thinking and lifelong learning.

We value nursing as a profession that fulfills multiple roles and requires a unique and expanding body of knowledge and skills for the purpose of promoting the health of diverse individuals, families, communities, and systems.

We value nursing leadership that influences the quality of healthcare for all, including vulnerable and underserved populations, within changing local and global healthcare systems.

Goals
• To prepare nurses with skills in critical thinking, with the ability to function in both structured and unstructured professional nursing positions, and with the background necessary for advanced education.
• To prepare students for life-long learning with a theoretical foundation based on Judeo-Christian principles and the liberal arts and sciences.
• To express within the nursing profession Christian values and leadership through excellence in professional practice, scholarly endeavors, and community service.

Programs (M.S. and Doctorate)
The M.S. in Nurse-Midwifery and the post-masters Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) are offered through the Department of Nursing and administered through the Graduate School.

Master of Science (M.S.)
• M.S. in Nurse-Midwifery

Doctorate Programs
• Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Dual Degree Programs
• Dual Degree: MBA and DNP
• Dual Degree: M.A. in Strategic Leadership and DNP
NURS 602 • Midwifery Perspectives 3 Credits
Analysis of both historical perspectives and current societal influences with consideration of how each have impacted the development of nurse-midwifery and the midwifery profession.
Exam proctoring fee: $18.

NURS 606 • Advanced Health Assessment 4 Credits
Use of comprehensive and systematic health history to identify patient health status and health promotion needs. Demonstration of the ability to conduct a systematic physical examination with a caring presence and in a proficient manner. Use of evidence based standards to develop relevant diagnoses and plans of care across the lifespan.
Clinical immunization documentation tracking and verification fee: $70, live model patient fee: $100, Typhon clinical tracking system fee: $90.

NURS 611 • Advanced Pharmacology 3 Credits
Application of the principles of pharmacotherapy to promote health and manage illness from a client-centered perspective for diverse populations across the lifespan. Consideration of both ethical and legal implications in relation to the process of drug use from development through distribution and administration. Inclusion of complementary and alternative therapies that are evidence-based.
Prerequisites: NURS 620, NURS 673. Exam proctoring fee: $18.

NURS 614 • Sexual and Reproductive Health for Advance Practice Nurses 4 Credits
Integration of theory and evidence related to sexual and reproductive healthcare for holistic management and support of health throughout the lifespan.
Prerequisites: NURS 620, NURS 673. Exam proctoring fee: $18.

NURS 615 • Global Perspectives of Health 3 Credits
Development of a global perspective on social determinants of health. Integration of concepts of interprofessional collaboration including the disciplines of epidemiology, ecology, economics, politics, and religion in determining culturally responsive strategies to improve health.

NURS 616 • Nurse-Midwifery II: Antepartal Care 3 Credits
Management of antepartal care using evidence-based practice guidelines as well as laboratory and diagnostic studies. Determination of health promotion needs and plan of care including deviations from normal during pregnancy. Consideration of the impact of personal and professional ethics and beliefs while providing advanced practice nursing care.
Prerequisites: NURS 606, NURS 620, NURS 626, NURS 673. Exam proctoring fee: $18.

NURS 617 • Nurse-Midwifery III: Intrapartum and Postpartum Care 4 Credits
Integrates theory and evidence related to intrapartum and postpartum care.
Typhon clinical tracking system fee: $90, exam proctoring fee: $18, lab materials fee: $100, verified credentials fee: $40.

NURS 618 • Nurse-Midwifery IV: Newborn Care 2 Credits
Integrates theory and evidence related to care of the healthy newborn.
Prerequisites: NURS 602, NURS 620, NURS 673. Exam proctoring fee: $18.

NURS 619 • Fetal Evaluation 1 Credit
Integrates theory and evidence related to evaluation of antepartal and intrapartal fetal status.
Prerequisites: NURS 602, NURS 620, NURS 673.

NURS 620 • Reproductive Physiology for Advanced Practice Nurses 3 Credits
Analysis of the normal physiologic basis for reproduction in humans that serves as the foundation for clinical assessment, decision making, and management for nurse midwives.
Exam proctoring fee: $18.

NURS 626 • Evidence Translation for Practice 3 Credits
Analysis of the research process, including critical appraisal of literature, to address questions related to advanced practice nursing. Application of an evidence-based model to problems in advanced practice nursing. Consideration of the role of ethical principles and Christian faith perspectives as they relate to theoretical perspectives, research methods, and evidence dissemination strategies.
NURS 673 • Advanced Pathophysiology 3 Credits
Analysis of the physiologic basis for manifestations of altered structure and function from an advanced practice nursing perspective. Consideration of differences in physiologic responses to health and illness in diverse populations across the lifespan. Use of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention to evaluate management of homeostasis disruptions.

NURS 714 • Nurse-Midwifery I: Practicum 2 Credits
Application of the Advanced Practice Nursing process, theory, and evidence to provide holistic gynecological, and primary care for individuals throughout the lifespan.

NURS 716 • Nurse-Midwifery II: Practicum 2 Credits
Applies the midwifery management process, theory, and evidence to provide holistic care for normal and high-risk childbearing families.

NURS 717 • Nurse-Midwifery III: Practicum 3 Credits
Applies the midwifery management process, theory, and evidence to provide holistic care during labor, birth, and the postpartum period.
Prerequisites: NURS 606, NURS 611, NURS 614, NURS 616, NURS 619, NURS 620, NURS 626, NURS 673, NURS 714, NURS 716. Corequisites: NURS 718

NURS 718 • Nurse-Midwifery IV: Practicum 1 Credit
Applies the midwifery management process, theory, and evidence to provide holistic care to the healthy newborn.
Prerequisites: NURS 606, NURS 611, NURS 620, NURS 626, NURS 673, NURS 714, NURS 716. Corequisites: NURS 717

NURS 753 • Professional Issues for Nurse-Midwives 4 Credits
Understand the political and economic bases of nurse-midwifery practice. Enhance knowledge of professional issues that impact the practicing APN.
Prerequisites: NURS 626. Simulation fee: $100.

NURS 754 • Clinical Integration for Nurse-Midwives 7 Credits
Integrates, applies, and reflects upon the midwifery management process, theory, and evidence to provide holistic care to women across the lifespan and the healthy newborn in a variety of settings.
Prerequisites: NURS 719. Malpractice insurance fee: $167.

NURS 793 • Capstone: Methodological Reviews 2 Credits
Application of key components of the research process with a focus on critical review of the literature exploring nurse-midwifery problems defined in collaboration with clinical partners. Format: Seminar.
Prerequisites: NURS 673, NURS 620.

NURS 800 • The Art and Science of Advanced Nursing Practice 3 Credits
Articulation of the DNP role in developing and evaluating approaches to practice and improving healthcare. Interrelationships between nursing knowledge, theory, and science and other disciplines to promote change. Analysis of evidence-based development, implementation, and evaluation of healthcare practices. Integration of ethical principles and Christian perspectives in analyzing knowledge and theories.

NURS 805 • Evidence Appraisal and Translation Science 3 Credits
Skills for critically appraising existing evidence as a basis for improved healthcare practice in light of effectiveness, ethical principles, and Christian perspectives. Examination of methods to measure outcomes and to translate and implement evidence. Overview of designing guidelines that improve healthcare practice and outcomes. Introduction to the process of dissemination.
Prerequisites: NURS 850. Corequisites: NURS 887.
NURS 810 • Healthcare Policy and Advocacy 3 Credits
Examination of healthcare policy process at the institutional, local, state, regional, federal, and international levels. Preparation to design, influence, implement, and advocate for health care policies to strengthen the nursing profession and to improve the health status of populations. 
Prerequisites: NURS 890.

NURS 815 • Healthcare Economics and Finance 3 Credits
Utilization of healthcare economics and finance to examine complex strategic and operational decisions related to improving health outcomes within systems of care. Analyze basic economics and financial concepts to formulate healthcare strategies as applicable to the healthcare industry.

NURS 820 • Population Health and Epidemiology 3 Credits
Utilization of epidemiology to promote leadership in clinical prevention and population health. Analysis of the impact policies, socioeconomic status, and the environment have on diverse populations within the framework of healthcare access, quality of care, and cultural sensitivity. 
Clinical Verification Fee: $100. Special Notes: 25 practicum hours.

NURS 825 • Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration 4 Credits
Examination of critical topics related to leadership principles and organizational systems; including improving clinical practice management, patient safety, interprofessional collaboration, and health outcomes. Designed to facilitate the development of the skills needed to coordinate care and lead practice change and reduce healthcare disparities. 
Intensive/Lab Fee: $100 Special Notes: 50 practicum hours.

NURS 835 • Healthcare Innovations and Informatics 3 Credits
Examination of information management and technology systems to promote safe, quality, and cost-effective healthcare. Development of knowledge and technical skills related to the fields of informatics and healthcare innovations. Explore standards, clinical decision support systems, data management systems, big data, and patient care technologies. 
Special Notes: 25 practicum hours.

NURS 840 • DNP Practicum I 2 Credits
Enhancement of knowledge and clinical expertise through interaction with experts in the DNP project area of study. Synthesis of DNP leadership roles with assessment, intervention, evaluation and collaboration to improve healthcare outcomes. 
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 820. Corequisites: NURS 887. Malpractice Insurance: $200. Immunization Tracking and Background Check: $100. Special Notes: 100 practicum hours.

NURS 841 • DNP Practicum II 1 Credit
Enhancement of knowledge and clinical expertise through interaction with experts in the DNP project area of study. Synthesis of DNP leadership roles with assessment, intervention, evaluation and collaboration to improve healthcare outcomes. 
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 820. Special Notes: 50 practicum hours.

NURS 842 • DNP Practicum III 2 Credits
Enhancement of knowledge and clinical expertise through interaction with experts in the DNP project area of study. Synthesis of DNP leadership roles with assessment, intervention, evaluation and collaboration to improve healthcare outcomes. 
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 820, NURS 887. Malpractice Insurance: $200. Special Notes: 100 practicum hours.

NURS 843 • Elective Practicum 2-3 Credits
Enhancement of knowledge and clinical expertise through interaction with experts in the DNP project area of study. Demonstrate synthesis of DNP leadership roles with assessment, intervention, evaluation and collaboration to improve healthcare outcomes. 
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 820, NURS 840, NURS 887. Special Notes: Each credit equals 50 practicum hours.
NURS 850 • Application of Biostatistics for Healthcare 2 Credits
Biostatistical skills for critical appraisal of literature, including factors that contribute to validity, reliability, and generalizability of research. Interpretation of statistical output from scientific data sets using biostatistical skills. Appraisal of the rigor and appropriateness of biostatistical methods used in relation to the findings in selected research studies.

NURS 887 • DNP Project I: Idea Generation and Literature Appraisal 3 Credits
Development of a relevant question to improve practice guidelines, practice, or the practice environment. Critical evaluation of literature to determine the best evidence. Consideration of diverse cultures, vulnerable and underserved communities. Leadership skills for collaboration with interprofessional teams. Synthesis of evidence to create the critical appraisal for the DNP project.
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 820, NURS 850. Corequisites: NURS 805, NURS 840. Special Notes: 150 practicum hours can be earned through project work.

NURS 888 • DNP Project II: Implementation Plan 2 Credits
Integration of theories from nursing and other disciplines to develop an implementation plan. Development of evidence-based intervention for nursing practice using implementation science and technology. Consideration of diverse, vulnerable and underserved communities. Leadership skills to collaborate with interprofessional teams. Application of ethical principles and Christian perspectives to the implementation plan.
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 805, NURS 820, NURS 840, NURS 850, NURS 887. Special Notes: 150 practicum hours can be earned through project work.

NURS 889 • DNP Project III: Implementation 1 Credit
Application of the critical appraisal of the literature to improve practice and clinical outcomes. Collaboration with an interprofessional team to implement the DNP project. Application of ethical principles, Christian perspectives and leadership skills throughout the project implementation process.
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 805, NURS 820, NURS 850, NURS 887, NURS 888. Special Notes: 150 practicum hours can be earned through project work.

NURS 890 • DNP Project IV: Analysis 1 Credit
Synthesize and lay the foundation for future research by using evidence to improve either practice or clinical outcomes. Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation plan and the DNP project and disseminate the findings.
Prerequisites: NURS 800, NURS 805, NURS 820, NURS 850, NURS 887, NURS 888 and NURS 889. Corequisites: NURS 810. Special Notes: 150 practicum hours can be earned through project work.