NURSE LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

The Nurse Leadership Concentration prepares students for important roles that ensure quality performance in high-level patient care, as well as support nursing practice, student education, and fostering a culture of research. The nurse leader sets the vision for nursing practice in the delivery of safe, timely, efficient, equitable, and patient-centered care. Working within a collaborative and interprofessional environment, the executive practice nurse is influential in improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction), improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care.

The curriculum draws from the practice of nursing, management, and related fields, and includes administrative, research, and clinical components. The Nurse Leader Concentration program provides for learning in an environment that fosters autonomy, flexibility, and creative scholarship.

An intensive practicum provides the opportunity to develop and test skills in real-life settings, with an emphasis in critical thinking.

Core	Theory		Clinical		Total Units
	Units	Hours	Units	Hours	
NGRD 650 Advanced Role Development and Collaboration	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD (Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 652 Health-Care Systems Leadership	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD (Health Systems Policy Development and Advocacy	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 654 Social Determinants of Health[1]	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD (Health Systems Finance	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 656 Outcomes Assessment for Strategic Planning	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD (Intermediate Statistics	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD 658 Nursing Research and Translational Science	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
NGRD (Professional Writing for Nurse Leaders	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
RELE 564 Ethics and Health Disparities	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
RELR 5 Health Care and the Dynamics of Christian Leadership	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
RELT 557 Theology of Human Suffering	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
Totals	49.0	490	—	—	49.0
Concentration					
HADM Accounting Fundamentals in Health-Care Management	4.0	40	—	—	4.0
HADM 528 Organizational Behavior in Health Care	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HADM Health-Care Law	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HADM 559 Health-Care Marketing	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HADM Managing Human Resources in Health-Care Organizations	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HADM 575 Management Information Systems in Health Care	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HADM Health Systems Strategic Planning	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HADM 605 Health-Care Quality Management	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
HGIS 5 Principles of Geographic Information Systems and Science	2.0	20	—	—	2.0
HGIS 524 GIS Software Applications and Methods	3.0	30	—	—	3.0
Totals	30.0	300	—	—	30.0
Clinical					
NGNL (Nurse Leadership Practicum I	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGNL 612 Nurse Leadership Practicum II	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGNL (Nurse Leadership Practicum III	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGNL 614 Nurse Leadership Practicum IV	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGNL (Nurse Leadership Practicum V	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGNL 616A Nurse Leadership Practicum VI[2]	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
NGNL (Nurse Leadership Practicum VI[2]	—	—	3.0	90	3.0
NGNL 616C Nurse Leadership Practicum VI[2]	—	—	3.0	90	3.0
Totals	—	—	18.0	540	18.0
D.N.P. Project					
NGRD (Introduction to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Inquiry Proposal Project	1.8	20	1.2	40	3.0
NGRD (DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	4.0	120	4.0
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NGRD (DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	80	2.0
NGRD (DNP Practice Inquiry Project	—	—	2.0	60	2.0
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Totals	1.8	20	17.2	540	19.0
Overall Totals	80.8	810	35.2	1080	116.0

[1] Fulfills service learning requirement.

[2] Course is not required for students who pass the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) exam or the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) exam.

Portfolio

Prior to graduation, students are required to submit an online professional portfolio. Documentation of 510 Doctoral Leadership Practice hours will be included in the portfolio.

Normal time to complete the program

Four (4) years (15 academic quarters)—based on less than full-time enrollment.