ORIENTATION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

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GOALS OF THE ORIENTATION

- INCREASE YOUR COMFORT LEVEL
- IDENTIFY RESOURCES
- CLARIFY THE PROGRAM OPTIONS
- ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

WHO ARE THE GRADUATE STUDENTS?

- NEW BACHELORS DEGREES AND PRACTICING IN THE FIELD FOR YEARS
- SOME U/D GRADUATES AND SOME FROM OTHER PROGRAMS
- AGES 21-60+
- FULL TIME AND PART TIME
- MATRICULATED AND CONTINUING EDUCATION
WHO ARE WE AT U/D?
- CONSISTENTLY IN TOP 100 GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS
- QUALITY FACULTY WITH NATIONAL REPUTATION
- QUALITY PROGRAM – 100% PASS RATE ON ALL NP EXAMS
- FLEXIBLE AND AVAILABLE

WHAT CONCENTRATIONS DO WE OFFER?
- CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
  - ADULT HEALTH
  - PEDIATRICS
  - PSYCHIATRIC
- NURSE PRACTITIONER
  - FAMILY
  - ADULT
- HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR
  - MSN
  - MS

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CNS AND NP?
HEALTH CONTINUUM

WELLNESS---------------------ILLNESS

NURSE PRACTITIONER
- HEALTH PROMOTION
- DISEASE PREVENTION
- MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS

PRIMARY CARE

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
- ENTIRE HEALTH CONTINUUM
- SPECIALTY-FOCUSED
- MULTIPLE ROLES
  - EXPERT CLINICIAN
  - CONSULTANT
  - EDUCATOR
  - RESEARCHER
  - CASE MANAGER
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE: CNS AND NP

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Both are considered advanced practice nurses.

Both do the same level of health assessment.

Both can diagnose and manage patient care.

Both can have prescriptive authority in many states.

Health Services Administration

- Prepares individuals for management positions at various levels in healthcare-related facilities.
HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

- MSN
  - 37 CREDITS
  - FOR THOSE WITH A BSN

- MS
  - 36 CREDITS
  - FOR NON NURSES
  - FOR NURSES WITHOUT A BSN BUT WITH A BA OR BS

WHAT IS THE TIME LINE

- 5 YEARS FROM MATRICULATION
- C.E. COURSES COUNT TOWARDS DEGREE BUT NOT TOWARDS THE TIME LINE

WHAT IF I TAKE THE WRONG ROUTE AND WANT TO CHANGE?

- TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR TO DEVELOP A REVISED PLAN OF STUDY
- FINISH YOUR MSN AND THEN GET A POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

- UNDERGRADUATE: GENERALIST
- GRADUATE: SPECIALIST

Curriculum

- Core courses
  - Nursing 804 - Advanced Practice Roles
  - Nursing 810 - Research
  - EDST 665 – Statistics
  - EITHER
    - Nursing 887 – Research Application
    - Scholarly Project

Core Courses: CNS & NP

- Nursing 821 – Adv. Pathophysiology
- Nursing 820 – Adv. Health Assessment
SPECIALTY COURSES
- Didactic and clinical courses that relate to your area of expertise
- Preparation for specific certification examination

CLINICAL COURSES
- Can be completed in a facility near where you live
- Can often be arranged to fit into your schedule
- It is the total number of hours per semester that is important and not the number of hours per week
- Need a master’s prepared preceptor
- We need a legal contract with that agency (give us time to get these)

ELECTIVES
- Related graduate courses that are live or on the web
- Independent study