

NURS 7612 – NMW Practicum II

With assistance from the preceptor, the nurse midwifery student will function in their role at an advanced level by meeting 2nd semester objectives:

- Demonstrate understanding of cultural issues, cultural differences, their impact on health care, and utilize this knowledge in the management of women from other cultures.
- Demonstrate the integration of evidenced based practice knowledge, principles and theory from previous and current didactic and clinical courses in the management of women's reproductive and gynecologic health.
- Coordinate multiple aspects of health care in the provision of safe and effective practitioner practice.
- Conduct systematic collection of women's health history and objective data resulting in differential diagnoses.
- Recognize normal anatomic, physiologic, psychosocial, sexual, and spiritual well-being in women.
- Apply effective care, teaching, support, anticipatory guidance, and interventions in childbearing and gynecologic health care.
- Appropriately consult with preceptors and others, referring appropriately when deviations from normal are identified.
- Provide women's health care according to established guidelines for practice in the designated health care setting.
- Assume responsibility and accountability in clinical practice and professional responsibilities and standards as defined by American College of Nurse-Midwives (NMW) and by Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions HRSA US DHHS (WHNP).

The second in a series, this course offers opportunities for nurse midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner students to increase their: understanding of the philosophy and role of the independent practitioner, application of didactic knowledge and use of clinical skills in the ambulatory setting. Students apply didactic knowledge and clinical skills in the provision of women's health care throughout the life span. In the ambulatory setting, students will increase their expertise (built on their foundation from NURS 7610 / NURS 7611) in assessment, diagnosis, and development and implementation of a plan of care with an emphasis on abnormal findings. Nurse midwifery students will also be introduced the nurse midwifery philosophy, role and care during the intrapartum period with an emphasis on normal intrapartum. They work under the supervision of faculty preceptors. Mastery of these skills will be a progression through their clinical experiences.

The student will receive clinical evaluations conducted by a faculty member during the semester. During these visits we do not want to interrupt the normal flow of the clinic. The faculty providing the site visit will not be involved in the care of the patient; rather we are there to observe the student's progression in obtaining a history, conducting an appropriate physical exam, and his/her interaction with you and the staff. We also would like to discuss with you any comments or concerns regarding the student or our program.

We do ask you to complete evaluations of the student and review them with the student. The students will also be evaluating their performance. Your evaluation of the student progression is important, and is used to determine the student's final grade. The student will provide you with the evaluation forms.