



Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing

Course Title: NURS 509BA Pharmacological Management Practicum for Clinical Nurse Specialists or Nurse Practitioners Seeking Prescriptive Privileges

Credits: 1-5 (or Continuing Education, for Continuing Education credits refer to the program or OHSU Registrar)

Course Description: This practicum course focuses on supervised clinical practice in the pharmacological management of individual clients, as well as other learning activities to promote understanding of pharmacological interventions.

Prerequisites:

- Successful completion of pharmacology, physical assessment, and pathophysiology courses meeting OSBN Division 56 requirements
- Appropriate specialty-specific prerequisites
- Unencumbered Oregon Clinical Nurse Specialist or Nurse Practitioner limited or full certificate
- Approval of Pharmacological Management Practicum plan and objectives by OHSU SON faculty
- OSBN limited license for prescriptive practicum
- Approval by course faculty

Course Competencies:

Provide pharmacological interventions to treat a full range of illnesses and health conditions in one's area of clinical specialty.

- a) Use appropriate assessment and diagnostic data to diagnose signs and symptoms of illnesses and health conditions.
- b) Prescribe medications for the identified illness or health condition based on current understanding of etiology and risk-benefit analysis, as well as research and clinical evidence.
- c) Write prescriptions with all required components.
- d) Consider individual characteristics of each patient, including culture, belief system, spirituality, ethnicity, gender, age and co-morbidities in conducting assessments, planning interventions and providing patient education.
- e) Obtain relevant baseline data and provide follow up monitoring of medication interventions, including all relevant laboratory findings.
- f) Evaluate the impact of pharmacological interventions on outcomes of care, and adjust intervention strategies according to outcome evaluation.

Format: The practicum involves a minimum of 150 hours of patient management (see definitions below) under the supervision of an approved preceptor (CNS, NP, CNM, MD, or DO) with unencumbered Oregon prescriptive privileges. Structured learning activities are evaluated by OHSU School of Nursing faculty.

Credit: Students may register for academic credit or continuing education credit. One academic credit involves 30 practicum hours. If academic credit, the hours must be completed within the current academic term. The course may be repeated. If continuing education, hours must be completed within 20 weeks, and a certificate of completion will be given. Registration in the course is contingent upon available practicum sites.

Course Requirements:

- Students must secure their qualified preceptor. OHSU faculty can provide a list of suggested preceptors.
- Agreement of the preceptor to provide direct supervision as evidenced by signed practicum plan
- Approval of learning plan by OSBN, OHSU faculty, and preceptor.
- Conferences with preceptor and OHSU faculty prior to starting practicum and at the completion of required hours.
- Student's documentation of required hours, completion of learning activities, and accomplishment of competencies.
- Preceptor's signed letter attesting to student's accomplishment of competencies for patient management
- Copy of signed OSBN Prescribing Competencies Evaluation form indicating competencies in all behaviors.

Evaluation:

Learning Plan: Students develop a plan describing their area and scope of practice, learning goals, plan to meet the required hours, other structured learning activities as appropriate, and competencies to be accomplished.

Evidence of accomplishment of planned competencies: Student's documentation of required hours, completion of learning activities, and accomplishment of competencies. Preceptor's signed letter attesting to student's accomplishment of competencies for patient management.

Final conference. Student meets with the preceptor and OHSU faculty to review evidence of competency.

Definitions from Division 56:

Clinical Education in Patient Management means a set of structured learning activities, including but not limited to, supervised clinical practice in the pharmacological management of individual clients, as well as other learning activities to promote understanding of pharmacological interventions.

Evidence of successful completion of required clinical education in patient management: Completion of a directly supervised clinical practicum of no less than 150 hours which includes differential diagnosis and applied pharmacological management of patients congruent with the specialty role sought.