

Upcoming Online Courses

Research College of Nursing offers only nursing courses. The vast majority of the online courses are at the graduate level, with a few courses at the undergraduate level. Browse the courses below to find the upcoming courses that interest you.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Undergraduate Courses

Name/Credits: NU 2850/2851. Pathophysiology (3)

Description: This course focuses on alterations in biologic processes that affect the body's internal homeostasis. A conceptual approach will be used to emphasize general principles of pathophysiology. The etiology, pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, and sequelae of various alterations of human structure and function will be examined. Knowledge from the basic and clinical sciences will be integrated.

Prerequisites: CH 1050/1060; BL 2929; 2930/2931; 2940/2941 (or BL 2965); Concurrently: BL 3100/3101.

Notes: 8 weeks with onground exams each week, (arrangements can be made for proctored exams)

Semester Offered: Summer

Instructor: [Dr. Julie Nauser](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet and onground.

To Enroll: Call (816) 995-2820 or email [Leslie Mendenhall](#), Director of Transfer, Accelerated and Graduate Recruitment and Admission

Name/Credits: NU 3800. Introduction to Statistics (3)

Description: This course is designed for undergraduate students to become familiar with introductory key terms and concepts for elementary statistics. Students will become familiar with the nature of data, descriptive statistics, the use of inferential statistics in hypothesis testing, the types of inferential statistical tests, and commonly used correlational techniques.

Prerequisites: None

Notes: 11 topics test, one topic test for each chapter of the book. Must purchase \$15 access code to begin course from <http://www.webct.com/accesscodes>. It is critically important that students purchase codes for Larson, R., Farber, B., *Elementary Statistics*, 2nd Edition (2003). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall and the book's corresponding e-Pack.

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Instructor: [Dr. Elaine Hardy](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

To Enroll: Students enrolling in this class must be registered at Rockhurst University. Graduate students must enroll as an "Unclassified Student". Call (816) 995-2820 or email [Leslie Mendenhall](#), Director of Transfer, Accelerated and Graduate Recruitment and Admission with questions.

Master of Science in Nursing: Graduate Courses/Core Courses

Name/Credits: NU 6020. Theoretical Foundations of Nursing (3)

Description: In this course the student examines and assesses theory that provides a shared reality for the art and practice of nursing. Students and teachers will together investigate the relationship between theoretical orientation and normative judgments in clinical practice. Students prepare for theory-based advanced nursing practice by reviewing existing theories of and for nursing. Students will develop individual theories for practice based on existing theories and on personal philosophies.

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Fall 10 weeks, Spring 15 weeks

Instructor: [Dr. Bobbi McCause](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

To Enroll: Call (816) 995-2820 or email [Leslie Mendenhall](#), Director of Transfer, Accelerated and Graduate Recruitment and Admission

Name/Credits: NU 6040. Contemporary Issues in Nursing (2)

Description: The focus of the course is on the examination and analysis of current issues and trends as they relate to advanced nursing practice. Selected factors affecting health care delivery and the legal, moral, and ethical implications for advanced nursing practice will be examined. A study of systems, leadership and organizational theories and their application to health care, including entrepreneurial practices, will be presented. Concepts of public policy and the impact of selected governmental organizations' policies will be examined as they relate to health care delivery and advanced nursing practice.

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Fall

Instructor: [Dr. Lynn Warmbrodt](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet.

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Name/Credits: NU 6060. Role Development in Advanced Nursing (3)

Description: The focus of this course is on role development in advanced nursing roles. Theories of role development, historical perspectives and current practice are explored. The sociocultural, political, legal, and economic environment of health care is examined as it relates to advanced nursing. Competencies and skills of various advanced nursing roles are emphasized. Accountability and responsibility for professional practice and quality health care are emphasized. Students are expected to be active participants in the learning experience.

Prerequisites: None

Notes: Unit activities and one paper.

Semester Offered: Summer

Instructor: [Dr. Sharon Snow](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet, one onground meeting for orientation. Accommodations can be made for those unable to attend the onground sessions.

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Name/Credits: NU 6080. Nursing Research (3)

Description: This course focuses on the development of research skills through critique of written research reports for application to advanced nursing practice and through application of the research process in the development of a research proposal. Emphasis is placed on the relationship of research to the knowledge base and practice of nursing. Students are prepared for a required clinical research project or thesis option, to be completed during the program.

Prerequisites: Undergraduate statistics course

Notes: Helpful to have idea for research project

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Karin Roberts](#) and [Dr. Susan Chrisman](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credits: NU 7040. Advanced Pathophysiology (3)

Description: This course examines complex physiologic cellular processes essential to an understanding of health deviations. Concepts are explored in relation to body systems. Age specific alterations are correlated with clinical manifestations and diagnostic findings to provide the student with a basis for clinical decision making, diagnostic reasoning and pharmacotherapeutics,

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Fall

Instructor: [Dr. Marshall Andersen](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet.

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Name/Credits: NU 7080. Advanced Pharmacology (3)

Description: The focus of this course is on the clinical use of drugs commonly used in primary care settings. Pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacotherapeutics of selected categories of drugs are explored. Variables such as age, race, and gender will be explored in relationship to specific prescribing practices

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Fall (10 Week) and Spring (10 Week)

Instructor: [Dr. Brooke Patterson](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet.

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Master of Science in Nursing: Executive Nurse Practice/Specialty Courses

Name/Credit: NU 7200. Executive Practice Seminar I (2)

Description: This course covers content in the areas of organizational management and organizational structure (human resources, internal policy and procedure). The health care delivery system and its environment is also addressed along with issues such as

ethics, legal and regulatory and economic concepts. Specific attention is given to the application of these concepts specifically as students encounter learning situations regarding the above concepts. This course is intended to be first in a two-course sequence (NU 7200 and NU 7220) and to serve as a companion course to NU 7210.

Prerequisites: NU 6020, NU 6060, NU 6080; all HCL courses. Concurrently: NU 6040, NU 7210 and Research option.

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Elaine Hardy](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

To Enroll: Call (816) 995-2820 or email [Leslie Mendenhall](#), Director of Transfer, Accelerated and Graduate Recruitment and Admission

Name/Credit: NU 7210. Executive Practicum I (3)

Description: This course provides clinical practicum experiences that allow students opportunity to apply theoretical and executive management concepts in a health care setting. All major theoretical concept areas are applied including organizational structure, economic factors, human resources, ethic and legal/regulatory concerns. College faculty and selected preceptors who are nurse executives provides clinical supervision. Clinical conferences with faculty provide opportunity for integration of the executive role, understanding of professional issues and discussion of problem-solving processes. This course is intended to be the first in two-course sequence (NU 7210 and NU 7230) and to serve as a companion course to NU 7200. Total clock hours equal 180.

Prerequisites: NU 6020, NU 6060, NU 6080; all HCL courses. Concurrently: NU 6040, NU 7210 and Research option.

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Elaine Hardy](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credit: NU 7220. Executive Practice Seminar II (2)

Description: This course covers advanced content in the areas of organizational management and organizational structure (human resources, internal policy and procedure). The health care delivery system and its environment are also addressed along with issues such as ethics, legal/regulatory and economic concepts. Specific attention is given to the application of these concepts as students encounter learning situations regarding the above concepts. This course is intended to be second in a two-course sequence (NU 7200 and NU 7220) and to serve as a companion course to NU 7230.

Prerequisites: NU 6020, NU 6040, NU 6060, NU 6080; all HCL courses. Concurrently: NU 7320 and Research option.

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Elaine Hardy](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credit: NU 7230. Executive Practicum II (3)

Description: This course provides clinical practicum experiences that allow students opportunity to apply theoretical and executive management concepts in a health care setting. All major theoretical concept areas are applied including organizational structure, economic factors, human resources, ethic and legal/regulatory concerns. College faculty and selected preceptors who are nurse executives provides clinical supervision. Clinical conferences with faculty provide opportunity for integration of the executive role, understanding of professional issues and discussion of problem-solving processes. This course is intended to be the second in a two-course sequence (NU 7210 and NU 7230) and to serve as a companion course to NU 7220, Executive Nurse Seminar II. Total clock hours equal 180.

Prerequisites: NU 6020, NU 6040, NU 6060, NU 6080; all HCL courses. Concurrently: NU 7320 and Research option.

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Elaine Hardy](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Master of Science in Nursing: Nurse Educator/Specialty Courses

Name/Credits: NU 7300. Instructional Strategies (3)

Description: In this course students examine the instructional process. The focus is on learning theories, the learning environment, and instructional strategies.

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Karin Roberts](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credits: NU 7310. Evaluation Strategies (3)

Description: In this course students examine the evaluation process. The focus is on the evaluation process, measurement strategies and related sociocultural, ethical, and legal issues.

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Fall

Instructor: [Dr. Sharon Snow](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credit: NU 7320. Program Development (3)

Description: In this course students examine curriculum processes for educational program development. The focus is on examination of the theoretical foundations for program philosophy, curriculum design, and analysis of the impact of external and

economic factors on program development.

Prerequisites: None

Semester Offered: Summer

Instructor: [Dr. Karin Roberts](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credit: NU 7330. Nursing Focused Practicum (2)

Description: In this course students are provided with the opportunity to integrate previous knowledge and develop proficiency in a focused area of clinical nursing. Students will collaborate with faculty to identify individualized plans for focused study that will be implemented with a nurse preceptor who specializes in the focused area. Total clock hours equal 120.

Prerequisites: NU 7040, NU 7060, NU 7080

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Lynn Warmbrodt](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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Name/Credit: NU 7340. Education Focused Practicum (2)

Description: In this course, students are expected to integrate previous knowledge and develop proficiency in the role of nurse educator. Students will collaborate with faculty to develop an individualized plan of study related to their educational interest. Total clock hours equal 120.

Prerequisites: NU 6020, NU 6060, NU 6080, NU 7040, NU 7060, NU 7080, NU 7300 and NU 7310

Semester Offered: Fall and Spring

Instructor: [Dr. Lynn Warmbrodt](#)

Delivery Mode: Internet

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