

NURS 4432: Nursing in Faith Communities

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: NURS 3313 or Registered Nurse status.

This nursing elective provides a basic overview of the role and responsibilities of the nurse working in faith communities. The student will gain an understanding of meeting, managing, and promoting the health of persons in faith communities that address models of faith community nursing, diverse faith traditions, persons with special health care needs, legal and ethical issues, strategies and techniques to meet health and spiritual needs across the life span, and developing inter-collegial support systems.

NURS 4434: Vulnerable Populations

3 Credit Hours

This elective nursing course focuses on aspects of providing health-related care and programs to vulnerable or at-risk populations. The course is a lecture-seminar with fieldwork activities designed to provide the student with in-depth knowledge of a specific vulnerable population of the student's choice as well as a broad overview of many vulnerable populations.

NURS 4435: Nursing Practicum in Italy

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: NURS 3209

This study abroad course takes place in Montepulciano, Italy. Students learn about Italian culture and healthcare. Teaching and learning strategies may include observational experiences in acute care hospitals and outpatient settings, Italian conversational language lessons, and guided tours of cultural sites.

NURS 4436: Foundations for Perioperative Practice

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: NURS 3313

This course is designed to provide the student with a dynamic learning experience in a perioperative environment to enhance the knowledge, cognitive, and psychomotor skills to care for one or more patients undergoing operative or invasive procedures. The course addresses patient-centered care, patient safety, physiologic responses, and behavioral responses of the surgical patient and family. This course involves classroom didactic and clinical hours (simulation, skills, and clinical experience) in the perioperative setting.