

COLLEGE OFFERS CERTIFICATE IN **PUBLIC HEALTH** AND CONTACT TRACING

Nearly 300 participants enrolled in the College's newly developed "Introduction to Public Health: Coronavirus, Contact Tracing, and Risk Reduction" course. As part of the class, students were introduced to public health science and contact tracing. Guest experts on the frontline provided facts on SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 and risk-reduction strategies. Drs. Shirley Gordon and Tarsha Jones taught students how to implement contact tracing protocol, including case investigations, tracing contacts, isolation, quarantine, social distancing, and monitoring cases.

Participants learned essential skills required for successful contact tracing programs, such as effective communication and interviewing, working with diverse populations, requirements for protecting health information, basic ethical principles and the use of emerging technological solutions, as well as how to develop strategies for stress management and self-care.

"The course gave me a very good idea of what to expect, how I should comport myself in a tracing call or interview, and also how to care for myself as I go forward ... Overall, a very informative course that I am sure will be of great help in my future as a contact tracer," said a participant. ■

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Providing Nurse Practitioners with Pharmacology Expertise

FAU's College of Nursing is offering three fully-online Pharmacology courses to working nurse practitioners (NPs) for use in their own practice setting. For NPs interested in applying for independent practice in Florida, a 3-credit hour pharmacology course within the past five years is required.

The courses include:

- Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics (NGR 6172) - 3 credit hours
- Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 2 (NGR 6176) - 3 credit hours
- Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing Practice (NGR 6538) - 3 credit hours

The cost is \$371.82 per credit hour (fees included) for Florida residents. College credit hours may be used for CEUs for professional licensure. A three-credit hour course would be equivalent to 45 CEU hours.

Classes offered on a limited basis. Tuition waivers are available for those who provide a clinical experience to our students as a preceptor.

For information on registration, contact Matt Patterson at 561-297-3261 or pattersonm@health.fau.edu. ■

