Sonoma State University Department of Nursing  
Post-Licensure BSN Program Track

Required Upper Division Nursing Course Descriptions  
(Nurs 312 and Nurs 313 are available in Summer Session ONLY for admitted CNECM students)

NURS 312 Baccalaureate Perspectives I (4)  FA, SU  This course provides the foundation for critically examining the current health care system, evidence-based nursing practice, safety and quality standards in health care delivery and interdisciplinary communication and collaboration.

NURS 313 Baccalaureate Perspectives II (4)  FA, SU  This course expands knowledge about the role of the professional nurse in society by exploring leadership and advocacy as integral components of professional nursing. It examines goals of current health care system reform including nursing’s expanded professional role in promoting health and mitigating health care disparities and inequities.

NURS 310 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3)  FA, SP  This course examines sources of evidence, the nature of inquiry, basic research concepts, language and processes. Approaches to research and ways of knowing in nursing and related sciences are explored. Qualitative and quantitative research methods are compared. Students critically appraise and interpret studies in order to enhance their understanding of the research process. Theoretical frameworks for research are explored. Levels of evidence are explored and the evidence-based practice brief is created. Prerequisite: Statistics.

NURS 410 Nursing Power, Policy & Politics (5)  SP  This course examines the role of nursing in influencing health care from an economic, legal/ethical, political, interdisciplinary and multicultural framework. Topics for discussion are based on current issues and trends in nursing practice, leadership and the socio-political landscape.

NURS 412 Community/Public Health Nursing (5)  FA, SP  This course explores population focused nursing in the context of health promotion and protection for individuals, families and communities. Determinants of health such as epidemiology, environmental health and public health science will be addressed along with a focus on social and cultural factors that impact the health of communities. The practicum will involve enhancing the health promotion efforts of individuals, communities and families.  
Note: course is 3 units of theory and 2 units of clinical (90 hours of clinical practice over one semester).

NURS 416 Application of Baccalaureate Perspectives (3)  SP  Application of theories and concepts from nursing and related sciences is applied in the nursing care of selected populations for the Post-Licensure BSN student. Evidence-based knowledge and pertinent theoretical frameworks are utilized to respond to complex and specific health care needs of self-selected populations. Integration and synthesis of concepts, personal development, and leadership/management abilities are expanded through professional nursing practice.  
Note: course is 3 units “laboratory” (135 hours over the semester) that is focused on leadership in solving population-based care challenges in a variety of health care delivery settings.