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<b>MSN Program Outcomes</b>	
At the completion of the MSN program, the graduate will be able to:	
1.	<p>Use disciplined reasoning from sciences and the humanities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Integrate nursing and related sciences into the delivery of advanced nursing care to diverse populations.</li> <li>b. Design nursing care for a clinical or community focused population based on biopsychosocial, public health, nursing, and organizational sciences.</li> <li>c. Apply ethical analysis and clinical reasoning to assess, intervene, and evaluate advanced nursing care delivery.</li> <li>d. Analyze nursing history to expand thinking and provide a sense of professional heritage and identity.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Incorporate current and emerging genetic/genomic evidence in providing advanced nursing care to individuals, families, and communities while accounting for patient values and clinical judgment through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Synthesizing broad ecological, global and social determinants of health; principles of genetics and genomics; and epidemiologic data to design and deliver evidence based, culturally relevant clinical prevention interventions and strategies.</li> <li>b. Designing patient-centered and culturally responsive strategies in the delivery of clinical prevention and health promotion interventions and/or services to individuals, families, communities, and aggregates/clinical populations.</li> <li>c. Integrating clinical prevention and population health concepts in the development of culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate health education, communication strategies, and interventions.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Support quality improvement and patient safety by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Promoting a professional environment that includes accountability, peer review, advocacy for patients and families, reporting of errors, and professional writing.</li> <li>b. Contributing to the integration of healthcare services to affect safety and quality of care to improve patient outcomes and reduce fragmentation of care.</li> <li>c. Participating in, and leading when appropriate, in quality initiatives that integrate socio-cultural factors affecting the delivery of nursing and healthcare services.</li> </ul>
4.	<p>Demonstrate organizational and systems leadership that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Emphasizes clinical practice.</li> <li>b. Continually improves health outcomes.</li> <li>c. Ensures patient safety.</li> </ul>
5.	<p>Analyze and evaluate evidence to integrate scholarship into practice through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Integrating theory, evidence, clinical judgment, and interprofessional perspectives to improve practice and health outcomes for patient aggregates.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Articulating to a variety of audiences the evidence base for practice decisions, including the credibility of sources of information and the relevance to the practice problem.</li> <li>c. Applying practice guidelines to improve practice.</li> <li>d. Participating, and leading when appropriate, in collaborative teams to improve care outcomes and support policy changes through knowledge generation, dissemination, and implementation.</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Demonstrate proficiency in the analysis and use of information systems and technology to sustain improvements and promote transparency using high reliability and just culture principles through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Analyzing current emerging technologies to support safe practice environments, and to optimize patient safety, cost-effectiveness, and health outcomes.</li> <li>b. Using information and communication technologies, resources, and principles of learning to teach patients and others.</li> <li>c. The use of current and emerging technologies in the care environment to support lifelong learning for self and others.</li> </ul>
7.	<p>Assume an advocacy role in healthcare policy by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The analysis of the influence of policy on the structure and financing of health care practice and health outcomes.</li> <li>b. Participation in the development and implementation of institutional, local, state, and federal policy.</li> <li>c. The examination of the effect of legal and regulatory processes on nursing practice, health care delivery, and outcomes.</li> <li>d. Interpreting research and bringing the nursing perspective for policy makers and stakeholders.</li> <li>e. Advocating for policies that improve the health of the public and the nursing profession.</li> </ul>
8.	<p>Collaborate with other professions to improve patient and population health outcomes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Advocating for the value of the professional nurse as members, and leaders when indicated, of interprofessional healthcare teams.</li> <li>b. Using collaboration in the design, coordination, and evaluation of patient-centered care.</li> <li>c. Mentoring and coaching new and experienced nurses and other members of the healthcare team.</li> <li>d. Understanding other health professions scopes of practice to maximize contributions within the healthcare team.</li> </ul>
9.	<p>Plan, manage, and evaluate evidence-based clinical prevention and population care by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Evaluating the effectiveness of clinical prevention interventions that affect individual and population-based health outcomes.</li> <li>b. Delivering patient-centered and culturally responsive strategies in prevention and health promotion to individuals, families, communities, and aggregates/clinical populations.</li> </ul>

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10.	<p>Ensure accountability for advanced practice based on refined assessment skills; advanced communication skills; and biophysical, genetic, genomic, psychosocial, sociopolitical, economic, ethical, and cultural principles through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Delivering safe, quality care to diverse populations in a variety of settings and roles.</li><li>b. Conducting a comprehensive and systematic assessment as a foundation for decision making.</li><li>c. Applying the best available evidence from nursing and other sciences as the foundation for practice.</li><li>d. Using knowledge of illness and disease management to provide evidence-based care to populations, perform risk assessments, and design plans or programs of care.</li><li>e. Incorporating core scientific and ethical principles in identifying potential and actual ethical issues arising from practice, in assisting patients and other healthcare providers to address such issues.</li></ul>
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