Learn to design, deliver and evaluate safety and quality improvement efforts that are patient-centered, minimize risk and improve outcomes across diverse practice settings.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Nursing (Patient Safety and Health Care Quality)

The MS degree program in nursing with a concentration in patient safety and health care quality provides registered nurses with advanced preparation, to translate and apply concepts, practices and principles of safety and improvement science to enhance the safety and quality of patient care.

Graduates are specialists able to synthesize innovation principles and best available evidence to develop interventions for implementation and lead interprofessional teams to design, deliver and evaluate safety and quality improvement efforts that are patient-centered and that minimize risk and improve outcomes across diverse practice settings. This program supports preparation for national certification as a certified professional in health care quality, as a certified patient safety officer, and certified professional in patient safety.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus, West campus

Degree Requirements

35 credit hours including the required Applied Project Course (NUR 593)
Required Core (15 credit hours)
DNP 601 Theoretical Foundations for Advance Practice Nursing (3)
DNP 602 Evaluating Research for Practice (3)
NUR 501 Individual and Innovation Leadership in Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
NUR 502 Advanced Health Assessment, Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for Health Promotion I (3)
NUR 503 Advanced Health Assessment, Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for Health Promotion II (3)

Concentration (12 credit hours)
NUR 520 Patient Safety and Health Care Quality Principles, Assessment and Methods (3)
NUR 521 Health Care Evidence, Informatics and Analysis (3)
NUR 522 Designing Systems for Patient Safety and Health Care Quality (3)
NUR 523 Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient Safety and Health Care Quality Outcomes (3)

Other Requirements (5 credit hours)
NUR 509 Clinical Prevention and Population Health Practicum (2)
NUR 529 Role-Focused Practicum: Patient Safety and Health Care Quality (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
NUR 593 Applied Project (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three professional letters of recommendation
4. resume
5. goal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

All students are also required to have an unencumbered Arizona RN license or an unencumbered compact state RN license as mandated by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The RN license must remain unencumbered throughout enrollment in any nursing program.

Applicants must have a passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen.

An interview with program faculty is required.

There are no required admission examinations for this program.

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