University of Louisville School of Nursing
Upper Division Curriculum Summary

1st Semester

NURS 361 Community Health Nursing	NURS 363 Health Assessment	NURS 364 Therapeutic Nursing Interventions	NURS 366 Foundations for Professional Nursing Practice
Blends principles of community-based and public health nursing and provides students opportunities to develop skills to promote health and prevent disease.	Focus is placed on the assessment component of the nursing process as a foundation of professional nursing practice. A systematic approach to client interview and physical exam techniques are emphasized.	Provides an introduction to concepts and principles of nursing practice focusing on implementation of therapeutic nursing interventions. Laboratory and clinical applications of cognitive, psychomotor, and interpersonal skills are emphasized.	Provides the foundational components of professional nursing practice including theoretical basis, roles & responsibilities, professional values, issues & trends, and relationship between nursing action and client outcomes.
4 Credits-class (56 hours) 2 Credits-clinical (84 hours)	3 Credits-class (42 hours)	3 Credits-class (42 hours) 2 Credits-clinical (84 hours)	1 Credit-class (14 hours)

2nd Semester

NURS 371 Adult Health Nursing	NURS 372 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	NURS 374 Nursing Research for Evidence-based Practice
Provides students with an understanding of nursing care of adults and families with acute and chronic health problems. Emphasizes the case-management model and includes a clinical component.	Provides foundational concepts of mental health and mental illness related to individuals, families and communities. Experiences emphasize the case management model.	Focuses on the research process as it relates to health and nursing practice. Emphasizes developing abilities to interpret research reports and apply research evidence to nursing practice.
5 Credits-class (70 hours) 3 Credits-clinical (126 hours)	3 Credits-class (42 hours) 3 Credits-clinical (126 hours)	2 Credits-class (28 hours)

3rd Semester

NURS 461 Childbearing Family Nursing	NURS 463 Leadership & Management	NURS 464 Child Health Nursing	NURS 466 Global Health Care Issues, Systems & Policies
Concepts related to health promotion and disease management across the spectrum of preconception through neonatal are explored. Emphasis is placed on the relevance of decision-making choices that impact the childbearing family.	Provides an introduction to nursing leadership and management principles, theory, practice, and the key skills employed by successful nursing leaders.	Presents essential concepts, theories, and developmental processes fundamental in understanding the acute and chronic health concerns and problems of children and their families.	Examines the political and social factors that contribute to health nationally and globally.
3 Credits-class (42 hours) 1 Credits-clinical (42 hours)	3 Credits-class (42 hours)	3 Credits-class (42 hours) 2 Credits-clinical (84 hours)	2 Credits-class (28 hours)

4th Semester

NURS 471 Synthesis of Complex Health Needs	NURS 472 Transition to Nursing Practice	NURS 473 Community Leadership Practicum	NURS 474 Capstone Professional Nursing Practicum
Provides students with an understanding of the professional nursing care of adults and families with complex health needs. Emphasis is placed on acquiring competencies necessary for the development of the professional nurse advocate.	Explore and analyze issues regarding role transition into professional practice.	Provides student opportunities to apply knowledge and synthesize insight gained through their educational experience to perform primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention interventions in a community setting.	Provides students opportunities to apply knowledge in the care of individuals and families in a dynamic healthcare setting. Emphasis is on developing the role of the professional nurse advocate.
5 Credits-class (70 hours)	2 Credits-class (28 hours)	2 Credits-clinical (84 hours)	5 Credits-clinical (210 hours)