

MSN Program Outcomes Relationship to NP/FNP Competencies

MSN Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Marian University Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, graduate will demonstrate the processes of acquiring/generating knowledge, critical thinking, valuing, decision making, and communicating to:

1. Integrate advanced theoretical and scientific knowledge to guide advanced nursing leadership in diverse practice settings.
2. Integrate outcome data, evidence-based practice recommendations and professional standards of care to improve population health outcomes.
3. Apply leadership and inter-professional skills in healthcare delivery systems to ensure safe and quality care.
4. Apply principles of information systems and population health to deliver evidence-based, culturally relevant strategies for individuals, families and aggregate populations.
5. Employ collaborative strategies to advance the profession of nursing through the integration of theory, research, policy, and practice excellence.
6. Advocate for social justice and healthcare policy that promotes safe, cost-effective, and equitable outcomes.
7. Demonstrate critical and self-reflective thinking that promotes advanced role competency and professional accountability.

Program Outcome	Competency Area	NP Core Competencies	FNP Competencies
1. 5.	Scientific Foundation Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically analyzes data and evidence for improving advanced nursing practice. 2. Integrates knowledge from the humanities and sciences within the context of nursing science. 3. Translates research and other forms of knowledge to improve practice processes and outcomes. 4. Develops new practice approaches based on the integration of research, theory, and practice knowledge. 	
1. 3.	Leadership Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assumes complex and advanced leadership roles to initiate and guide change. 2. Provides leadership to foster collaboration with multiple stakeholders (e.g. patients, community, integrated health care teams, and policy makers) to improve health care... 3. Demonstrates leadership that uses critical and reflective thinking. 4. Advocates for improved access, quality and cost effective health care. 5. Advances practice through the development and implementation of innovations incorporating principles of change. 6. Communicates practice knowledge effectively, both orally and in writing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works with individuals of other professions to maintain a climate of mutual respect and shared values. 2. Engages diverse health care professionals who complement one's own professional expertise, as well as associated resources, to develop strategies to meet specific patient care needs. 3. Engages in continuous professional and interprofessional development to enhance team performance. 4. Assumes leadership in interprofessional groups to facilitate the development, implementation and evaluation of care provided in complex systems.

		7. Participates in professional organizations and activities that influence advanced practice nursing and/or health outcomes of a population focus.	
3.	Quality Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uses best available evidence to continuously improve quality of clinical practice. 2. Evaluates the relationships among access, cost, quality, and safety and their influence on health care. 3. Evaluates how organizational structure, care processes, financing, marketing and policy decisions impact the quality of health care. 4. Applies skills in peer review to promote a culture of excellence. 5. Anticipates variations in practice and is proactive in implementing interventions to ensure quality. 	
2.	Practice Inquiry Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides leadership in the translation of new knowledge into practice. 2. Generates knowledge from clinical practice to improve practice and patient outcomes. 3. Applies clinical investigative skills to improve health outcomes. 4. Leads practice inquiry, individually or in partnership with others. 5. Disseminates evidence from inquiry to diverse audiences using multiple modalities. 6. Analyzes clinical guidelines for individualized application into practice. 	
4.	Technology and Information Literacy Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrates appropriate technologies for knowledge management to improve health care. 2. Translates technical and scientific health information appropriate for various users' needs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assesses the patient's and caregiver's educational needs to provide effective, personalized health care. b. Coaches the patient and caregiver for positive behavioral change. 3. Demonstrates information literacy skills in complex decision making. 4. Contributes to the design of clinical information systems that promote safe, quality and cost effective care. 5. Uses technology systems that capture data on variables for the evaluation of nursing care. 	
6.	Policy Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrates an understanding of the interdependence of policy and practice. 2. Advocates for ethical policies that promote access, equity, quality, and cost. 3. Analyzes ethical, legal, and social factors influencing policy development. 4. Contributes in the development of health policy. 5. Analyzes the implications of health policy across disciplines. 6. Evaluates the impact of globalization on health care policy development. 	
3.	Health Delivery System Competencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applies knowledge of organizational practices and complex systems to improve health care delivery. 2. Effects health care change using broad based skills including negotiating, consensus-building, and partnering. 3. Minimizes risk to patients and providers at the individual and systems level. 4. Facilitates the development of health care systems that address the needs of culturally diverse populations, providers, and other stakeholders. 5. Evaluates the impact of health care delivery on patients, providers, other stakeholders, and the environment. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Analyzes organizational structure, functions and resources to improve the delivery of care. 7. Collaborates in planning for transitions across the continuum of care. 		
6.	Ethics Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrates ethical principles in decision making. 2. Evaluates the ethical consequences of decisions. 3. Applies ethically sound solutions to complex issues related to individuals, populations and systems of care. 		
7.	Independent Practice Competencies	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions as a licensed independent practitioner. 2. Demonstrates the highest level of accountability for professional practice. 3. Practices independently managing previously diagnosed and undiagnosed patients. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provides the full spectrum of health care services to include health promotion, disease prevention, health protection, anticipatory guidance, counseling, disease management, palliative, and end-of-life care. b. Uses advanced health assessment skills to differentiate between normal, variations of normal and abnormal findings. c. Employs screening and diagnostic strategies in the development of diagnoses. d. Prescribes medications within scope of practice. e. Manages the health/illness status of patients and families over time. 4. 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		<p>spiritual preferences</p> <p>d. Preserves the patient's control over decision making by negotiating a mutually acceptable plan of care.</p>	<p>to minimize the development of complications, and promote function and quality of living.</p> <p>12. Prescribes medications with knowledge of altered pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics with special populations, such as infants and children, pregnant and lactating women, and older adults.</p> <p>13. Prescribes therapeutic devices.</p> <p>14. Adapts interventions to meet the complex needs of individuals and families arising from aging, developmental/life transitions, comorbidities, psychosocial, and financial issues.</p> <p>15. Assesses and promotes self-care in patients with disabilities.</p> <p>16. Plans and orders palliative care and end-of-life care, as appropriate.</p> <p>17. Performs primary care procedures.</p> <p>18. Uses knowledge of family theories and development stages to individualize care provided to individuals and families.</p> <p>19. Facilitates family decision-making about health.</p> <p>20. Analyzes the impact of aging and age-and disease-related changes in sensory/perceptual function, cognition, confidence with technology, and health literacy and numeracy on the ability and readiness to learn and tailor interventions accordingly.</p> <p>21. Demonstrates knowledge of the similarities and differences in roles of various health professionals providing mental health services, e.g., psychotherapists, psychologist, psychiatric social worker, psychiatrist, and advanced practice psychiatric nurse.</p> <p>22. Evaluates the impact of life transitions on the health/illness status of patients and the impact of health and illness on patients (individuals, families, and communities).</p>
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