Program: Graduate, MSN
Course Number/Title: NSC 862: Public Health Internship
Credit: 3 credit hours
CRN: xxxxxx
Prerequisites: 850, 852, each with a minimum grade of B and five hours of NSC 802.
Faculty: TBA

Official Email: An official EKU e-mail is established for each registered student, each faculty member, and each staff member. All university communications sent via email will be sent to the EKU email address.

Course Description: Internship allows the student to apply advanced knowledge and skills in implementing the role of an advanced public health nurse.

Student Learning Outcomes: At the conclusion of this course, the student will demonstrate competency in each of the eight domains of public health nursing core competencies:
1. Analytic and Assessment: Demonstrate analytic and assessment skills while assessing the health needs of populations and their related determinants of health and illness.
2. Policy Development/Program Planning: Demonstrate skills in policy development, policy advocacy and program planning for improving health outcomes of a population.
3. Communication: Communicate effectively with community members and interprofessional teams.
4. Cultural Competency: Meets the cultural needs of diverse communities and populations.
5. Community Dimensions: Collaborate effectively with community partners in addressing the health needs of individuals, families, groups, communities and populations.
6. Public Health Sciences: Use evidence-based practice to assure population level programs contribute to meeting core public health functions and the ten essential services.
7. Financial Planning and Management: Demonstrate financial planning and management skills.
8. Leadership and Systems Thinking: Demonstrate leadership and systems thinking skills to improve health outcomes.

Last Day To Withdraw Without Incurring A Withdrawal Fee: xxxxxx Withdrawal fee is $50 per credit hour - e.g. $150 for a 3 credit hour course.
Last Day To Withdraw: xxxxx. See Colonel Compass for information on tuition reimbursement: http://colonelscompass.eku.edu/deadlines-adddrop-refunds

Required Text: All texts from NSC 850 and 852.
**Teaching Methods:** Based on final evaluation in NSC 802, specific clinical outcomes and activities will be developed to provide opportunity to develop and demonstrate competencies in all domains of the PHN Core Competencies. Faculty will be available telephone and/or E-Mail if needed during clinical activities. In addition to clinical activities the students will participated in web-based dialogue with faculty and students.

**Special Services:** If you are registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please obtain your accommodation letters from the OSID and present them to the course instructor to discuss any academic accommodations you need. If you believe you need accommodation and are not registered with the OSID, please contact the Office in the Student Services Building Room 361 by email at disserv@eku.edu or by telephone at (859) 622-2933 V/TDD. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in an alternative format.

**Academic Integrity:** Eastern Kentucky University will honor the University’s Academic Integrity policy. By honoring and enforcing this policy, the University affirms that it will not tolerate academic dishonesty.

**Course Requirements:** Blackboard discussion, weekly clinical logs, and written reports. Satisfactory completion of the 180 hours of clinical and demonstrated competencies are required for satisfactory completion of this course.

**Evaluation Methods:** Course is graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory based on student’s achievement of student learning outcomes outlined in this syllabus, the evaluation tool, and individual learning outcomes developed by the student at the beginning of the course. Students must complete and document all clinical clock hours. A community partner will complete an evaluation of the student at the end of the semester. A self and faculty evaluation of the student will be completed at midterm and end of semester. The faculty evaluation will be based on the logs, written work, community partner evaluation, and self-evaluation. See evaluation tool for details. Each student will develop an electronic portfolio (in Blackboard) in which to demonstrate competency in each of the 8 domains. Detailed directions will be provided in the orientation to PHN clinicals.

**Immunization/CPR/Liability Requirements:** Immunizations/CPR/PPD: Students are required to comply with requirements established by agencies with whom they partner.

Students will not be allowed to attend clinical experiences unless they have purchased professional liability insurance through Eastern Kentucky University. The time period for the coverage is August 15 of a given year to August 14 of the next year; no pro-rating for partial year coverage is possible. The insurance covers only clinical experiences which are part of scheduled classes. The insurance will no longer be in effect if the student withdraws from school or graduates.

**Readmission Policy:** Receiving an unsatisfactory grade for this course will require application for readmission. Please see the MSN Information Booklet for further information.
**Student Progress:** Students will be informed in writing of their progress in the course through feedback on logs and written assignments, evaluation forms and in faculty conferences.

**Attendance Policy:** Student is expected to submit detailed logs of clinical hours and activities and complete minimum of 60 clock hours per credit hour. The faculty should be notified in advance in the event of an emergency situation which would preclude the student from completing planned activities; appropriate documentation must be presented following the absence/nonparticipation.

**Faculty Student Conferences:** Students are strongly encouraged to schedule conferences with the course faculty at any time during the semester. If a student has questions or difficulty relevant to this course, the student should schedule an appointment with the course faculty as soon as possible. Effective communication between students and faculty is essential to the teaching-learning process.

**Schedule/Course Outline for (date)**
Seminar participation, weekly clinical log, clinical, and final written and oral report are required for this course. Please refer carefully to the following pages for specific information related to the assignments. Assignments and dates include:

A. **First week of course:** (prior to any client contact)
   a. Self evaluation using 802/862 student evaluation tool; based on the self-assessment, develop outcomes and plan for the semester.
   b. Community partner form submitted
   c. Approval of plan prior by faculty prior to beginning clinical hours.

B. **Midterm** (Midpoint in project; no later than Week of xxxx.)
   a. 1-2 page summary (may use bullets) delineating progress toward completing outcomes and plan for remainder of the semester.
   b. Schedule meeting with faculty

C. **Final week of course:**
   a. Completed portfolio documenting competency in all domains for majority of criteria.
   b. Evaluations: a) student by community partner b) clinical site by student

D. **Completion of clinical hours and submission of weekly log documenting clinical time**

  **Logs:** Due the 2\(^{nd}\) and 4\(^{th}\) Wednesday of each month. They should be submitted via Blackboard. Logs detail time and activities; see attached format. Conclude each log with an analysis of how the activities helped you address your semester objectives and a plan for specific activities for the next two weeks. Final Log is due at the completion of the semester.
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