

# Frequently Asked Questions about the Nursing Administration Program

## **What is the Nursing Administration program about?**

The Nursing Administration role prepares the graduate for leadership positions in a variety of health care areas, such as clinical leadership, educational leadership, nursing/health care administration, organizational development, public health care, military health care, and public policy. The curriculum uses diverse leadership and organizational theories as a foundation, and is designed to provide the participant with advanced problem-solving skills and application of theory to address today's "real world" healthcare issues.

Specialty courses in the fall term focus on theories and assessment tools related to leadership, organizations, public policy, administration, and change technologies. The spring term courses focus on strategic planning, program development and financial management. The summer course sequence addresses program evaluation project management and strategies for implementing change. New models of leadership, management, and the role of the advanced practice nurse in assuring effective organizations are analyzed throughout the curriculum.

## **What courses are in the program? What is the part time and full time plan?**

See the following web site for a list of all courses and the part-time and full-time curriculum guides:

Part-time curriculum: [http://hs.odu.edu/nursing/academics/nurse\\_leader/nurse\\_leader\\_curric\\_parttime.shtml](http://hs.odu.edu/nursing/academics/nurse_leader/nurse_leader_curric_parttime.shtml)

Full-time curriculum: [http://hs.odu.edu/nursing/academics/nurse\\_leader/nurse\\_leader\\_curric\\_fulltime.shtml](http://hs.odu.edu/nursing/academics/nurse_leader/nurse_leader_curric_fulltime.shtml)

## **What exactly is an online web-based program?**

It means that all courses will be presented and taught via the Internet. Most of the learning activities are asynchronous, which means that the assignments can be done anytime at your convenience, as long as you complete the assignment prior to the deadline set by the instructor. There may be some virtual meetings that will be arranged by the faculty when all students are online at the same time and can "chat" or instant message. In the virtual classroom, the instructor can also present PowerPoint slides or information.

## **Do I need to be computer literate? What software is used for course delivery?**

To a certain extent you do need some computer skills. You need to be able to send email, attach documents, and use a word processing program. The course is delivered via Blackboard, which is located on the ODU server. You do not need to buy any special programs. You access Blackboard on your own computer, through the ODU web site. It is a very user-friendly program and easy to navigate. All courses are set up in a similar format so you will gain familiarity over time. ODU provides an excellent computer services department to assist students and provides education and service support.

## **What is the internship component?**

The three practicum courses N616, N617, & N618 make up the one year administration internship. These courses are taken along with N735, N740, & N745. You will be asked to choose a focus area. Most of your one year internship will revolve around this focus area. You then choose a health care organization that is local to your home and coordinate with that agency for a preceptor in your focus area. All of your internship experiences will be coordinated with your preceptor's schedule and the course faculty guidelines.

## **How do I apply?**

The following link will take you to the application process.

[http://hs.odu.edu/nursing/academics/grad\\_appl\\_process.shtml](http://hs.odu.edu/nursing/academics/grad_appl_process.shtml)

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