

Professional Nursing Transitions

3 Credits

The impact of nursing's role in health care is described through both nursing research and nursing leaders. The scope of professional nursing practice is explored from an evolutionary perspective. The mission and philosophy of the College of Nursing and the *Baccalaureate Essentials* are discussed and applied to nursing practice. Emphasis is on the role and impact of the baccalaureate prepared Registered Nurse within the inter-professional health care team and the development of effective critical thinking and communication skills. Principles of clinical judgment and reflection will be introduced. Professional growth and lifelong learning are highlighted as essential attributes of a registered nurse.