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Section Information: NURS 5610 Sections 010, 011

Time and Place of Class Meetings: Preceptored clinical hours (360) in a Level III or IV NICU scheduled between 1/21/20 and 5/8/20. Other course-related activities will be online in Canvas. Students must be available for an on-campus simulation evaluation at the Smart Hospital on May 12, 2020. This requirement is dependent upon results of preceptor evaluation. Consult with your course faculty prior to making travel arrangements.

Description of Course Content: Clinical preceptorships in selected health practice sites with opportunities to apply knowledge, skills, and concepts in a guided, progressive context of advanced nursing practice.

Other Requirements: Prerequisites: NURS 5537. Prerequisite or co-requisite NURS 5447. Students must be available for an on-campus simulation evaluation at the Smart Hospital on May 12, 2020 (this requirement is dependent upon results of preceptor evaluation).

Student Learning Outcomes:

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Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials: None

Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with due dates:

Successful completion of this course requires:

- 360 hours of preceptored clinical hours in a Level III or IV NICU
  - Hours must be completed between 1/21/20 and 5/8/20
  - Hours must be done during the day on shifts no longer than 12 hours
  - No clinical hours may be done on night shifts nor on 24 hour shifts
- All clinical encounters documented in clinical management system within one week of the experience. Late submissions will not be accepted and students will have to schedule additional clinical hours to log the required hours.
- Satisfactory preceptor evaluation of student
- Score of at least 80% on clinical evaluation of student performance
- Participation in the clinical journal and online discussion of cases

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Attendance Policy: At the University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students’ academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, I monitor course attendance regularly. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients “begin attendance in a course.” UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Canvas. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

Clinical Hours: This course requires 360 hours of preceptored clinical hours in a Level III or IV NICU which must be completed between 1/21/20 and 5/8/20. Students should schedule their clinical experiences as day time shifts of 8-12 hours. Students may not schedule clinical experiences greater than 12 hours in a day nor night shifts.

Grading Policy: Students are expected to keep track of their performance throughout the semester and seek guidance from available sources (including the instructor) if their performance drops below satisfactory levels. Graded F,I,P,W.
Course Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100%
B = 80 to 89%
C = 70 to 79% - cannot progress
D = 60 to 69% - cannot progress
F = below 60 – cannot progress

A passing grade for the clinical is considered 80% or greater. Students with grades below 80% will be remediated and have the opportunity for a second clinical evaluation.

**Grades of incomplete are not automatically given.** A student must discuss, with the faculty of record for the course, the reasons that an incomplete grade is being requested. Faculty members are not obligated to grant an incomplete grade. With no prior discussion of the need for an incomplete, students not completing the required activities and clinical hours will receive a failing grade for the course.

**Student Complaints and Grade Grievances:** Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current University Catalog. For additional information on grade grievances and student complaints go to the following links:

- [Grievance Procedures Related to Grades Graduate Catalog](#)
- [Office of the Dean of Students: Student Complaints](#)
- [Graduate Nursing Student Complaint and Grievance Procedures](#)

**Late Assignments / Assignments:** Late assignments will not be accepted for a grade or reviewed for feedback (regardless of the reason) and will be assigned a zero.

**Institutional Information:**

Includes the following policies among others:
- Drop Policy
- Disability Accommodations
- Title IX Policy
- Academic Integrity
- Student Feedback Survey
- Final Exam schedule

**CONHI Drop Information:** Graduate students who wish to change a schedule by either dropping or adding a course must first consult with their Graduate Academic Advisor @ [MSNAdvising@uta.edu](mailto:MSNAdvising@uta.edu).

Regulations pertaining to adding or dropping courses are described below. Adds and drops may be made through late registration either on the Web at MyMav or in person through the student’s academic department. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain
types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at http://www.uta.edu/fao/. The last day to drop a course is listed in the Academic Calendar available at https://www.uta.edu/academics/academic-calendar/spring-2020

1. A student may not add a course after the end of late registration.
2. A student dropping a graduate course after the Census Date but on or before the last day to drop may, receive a grade of W. Students dropping a course must:
   (1) Contact your graduate advisor to obtain the drop form and further instructions before the last day to drop.

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**Central Standard Time Zone:** The University of Texas at Arlington is located in the Central Standard Time zone. As such all due dates and times are based on the Central Standard Time zone. All students regardless of their physical location are required to adhere to the Central Standard Time zone due dates and times. It is the student’s responsibility to know, in which time zone they are located, how it differs from the CST zone, and to ensure they follow the due dates and times accordingly. Late assignments or tests will not be accepted if the student encounters difficulties due to time zone discrepancies.

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps/ or calling 817-272-3671** is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.

**Academic Integrity:** All students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

"Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."

Click on the **University Honor Code** link to view the code.

Students in the Graduate Nursing Programs are expected to follow the rules of academic integrity and submit only academic work and assignments that are entirely their own work. Academic dishonesty (violations of academic integrity) may include cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Information
regarding dishonesty may be found in the University Catalog. For additional information regarding student conduct and discipline click on the UT Arlington Policy link.

In addition to the general rules of academic integrity, students are expected to comply with the following:

- Students may not collaborate with anyone else on assignments, quizzes, examinations, or any other academic work except as directed by the assignment/instructor’s directions.

- Students may not resubmit any assignment or part of a previous assignment – written, audio, or video recorded - for which they previously received a grade. This applies to courses from which a student withdrew and/or in which a failing course grade was achieved.

- Students may not submit the same assignment (written or recorded) or portion of an assignment to more than one course unless specifically allowed or directed by the instructor’s directions. This applies to both graded and non-graded assignments.

- Students may not resubmit any work which has previously been submitted for course credit at any educational institution unless prior written approval is received. Written approval for resubmitted work must be received from both the current course instructor and the instructor of the course in which the work was previously submitted.

- Students may not copy or share any course materials or documents, past or present assignments, nor quiz/examination questions on any social platform or publicly available website.

- Students may not seek, acquire, receive, or provide unauthorized information or assistance regarding an exam, quiz, or assignment (such as purchasing, using, or distributing any unauthorized course materials in order to gain academic advantage).

- Students are expected to accurately and completely document and record clinical practice hours completed and patient/client care activities. Falsifying any documents related to clinical hours or patient/client care activities (including documenting as fact, information not obtained through one’s own direct assessment and examination of a patient or falsely recording clinical practice hours) constitutes dishonesty.

- Students are expected to accurately collect and submit data collected for completion of course and program requirements. Falsification of data or data collection methods constitutes academic dishonesty.

Students suspected of committing academic dishonesty will be referred to the Office of Community Standards. Students found responsible for academic dishonesty are subject to a grade penalty for the assignment in question, which may include a point deduction up to and including a zero and/or course failure. As noted in the University catalog, sanctions may include probation, suspension and expulsion from the university. Procedures and additional information related to academic dishonesty and violations of the University Honor Code may be found on the Office of Student Conduct website.
As a licensed registered nurse, graduate students are expected to demonstrate professional conduct as set forth in the Texas Board of Nursing rule §215.8. in the event that a graduate student holding an RN license is found to have engaged in academic dishonesty, the college may report the nurse to the Texas BON using rule §215.8 as a guide.

**Plagiarism:** Copying another student’s paper or any portion of it is plagiarism. Copying a portion of published material (e.g., books or journals) without adequately documenting the source is plagiarism. Consistent with APA format, if five or more words in sequence are taken from a source, those words must be placed in quotes and the source referenced with author’s name, date of publication, and page number of publication. If the author’s ideas are rephrased, by transposing words or expressing the same idea using different words, the idea must be attributed to the author by proper referencing giving the author’s name and date of publication. If a single author’s ideas are discussed in more than one paragraph, the author must be referenced, according to APA format. Authors whose words or ideas have been used in the preparation of a paper must be listed in the references cited at the end of the paper. Students are expected to review the plagiarism module from the UT Arlington Central Library via [http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/index.html](http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/index.html)

**Student Support Services:** UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring by appointment, drop-in tutoring, mentoring (time management, study skills, etc.), major-based learning centers, counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at Resource Hotline ([http://www.uta.edu/studentsuccess/success-programs/programs/resource-hotline.php](http://www.uta.edu/studentsuccess/success-programs/programs/resource-hotline.php)).

The IDEAS Center ([https://www.uta.edu/ideas/](https://www.uta.edu/ideas/)) (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers FREE tutoring and mentoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. Students can drop in or check the schedule of available peer tutors at [www.uta.edu/IDEAS](http://www.uta.edu/IDEAS), or call (817) 272-6593.

**Student Success Faculty:** In order to assist masters nursing students who are at academic risk or who need academic support, there are graduate faculty members available to you. The goal of the success faculty member is to support student achievement in masters-level coursework so students can reach their educational goals. Students may contact a success faculty member directly, or a course instructor may encourage you to contact a success faculty member.

The success faculty in the MSN Program:

Dr. Joy Don Baker is available as a writing coach to assist graduate nursing students improve the clarity and organization of their written papers. If you have questions about grammar or format as you are writing a paper, she can answer those questions for you by email or in person by appointment. After you have written a strong draft of a written paper, you can send it to her along with the grading criteria/rubric for the paper as email attachments at least 5 days before the paper is due, and she will give you feedback about your writing on a first come, first served basis. She can be reached via email: jdbaker@uta.edu

Dr. Mary Schira is available as a success faculty to assist with diverse resources that may include study skills, testing challenges/approaches, managing multiple responsibilities, and addressing personal
issues impacting academic performance. Course content challenges may also be addressed, with referral to additional resources as indicated. Dr. Schira can be reached via email: schira@uta.edu.

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. **All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox daily.** There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

If you are unable to resolve your issue contact the Helpdesk at helpdesk@uta.edu.

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**Helpful Direct Links to the UTA Libraries’ Resources**

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1)  http://libguides.uta.edu
2)  Scroll down and click on “Nursing”
3)  Click on “APA Guide” for advice on various aspects of paper writing. This is a short-cut for the APA Manual. When in doubt, refer to the Manual.

In addition to providing the general library guide for nursing (http://libguides.uta.edu/nursing), we can put together course specific guides for your students. The subject librarian for your area can work with you to build a customized course page to support your class if you wish. For examples, visit http://libguides.uta.edu/os and http://libguides.uta.edu/pols2311fm.

**Course Schedule:** The 360 hours of preceptored clinical in a Level III or IV NICU should be completed between 1/21/20 and 5/8/20. Details of scheduling clinical experiences and additional course activities will be located in the course in Canvas.

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**UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation - Additional Information:**

**MSN NP Verification of Education for Certification and Licensure:**

1. Graduate Nursing is committed to the appropriate and timely completion of verification of education (VOE) forms for nurse practitioner students’ licensure and certification. These forms require the school to attest to the completion of each student’s education. The school will only attest to the completion of education after the semester has ended and after the degree conferral date. Each semester VOEs will be sent to the respective licensing board and/or certification board on the first business day after the degree conferral date.

2. Students should communicate with their respective program director regarding any questions about the licensure and certification process.

3. The graduate nursing department will automatically send the verification of education forms to Texas Board of Nursing and the certifying bodies as described above.

4. Students applying for licensure in Texas will need to complete the release of information form on the APRN application and email it to the BONpaperwork@uta.edu. This form is located on page 2 of Part II of the Texas BON APRN application.

5. Out of state students applying for licensure in a state other than Texas are required review their state licensure application, determine which forms need to be completed by the school and email those forms to BONpaperwork@uta.edu.
Clinical/Practicum Placement, Requirements, Performance and Clearance Overview (Nurse Educator, Nurse Practitioner)

Students are responsible for reading and following the clinical policies and procedures in InPlace. The following policies are posted in InPlace:

- UTA MSN Clinical Practicum Acknowledgement
- Graduate Student Clinical Placement Policy and Procedure
- Graduate Student Clinical Performance Policy
- Graduate Student Clinical Site and Preceptor Policy
- Students Experiencing Difficulties with Clinical Placements

Clinical Evaluations: Students are evaluated during each clinical course by their instructor with the Clinical Evaluation of Student tool. For ALL graded and pass/fail clinical courses, students must attain 80% on this evaluation in order to pass the course. For numerically graded clinical courses, students will be assigned a numerical grade based on their performance on the tool.

For graded Clinical Practice 1 courses, students must receive ‘Meets Expectation with Moderate Assistance’ on 80% of the scored items. For Clinical Practice 2 courses, students must receive ‘Meets Expectation with Minimal Assistance’ on 80% of the scored items. The student’s percentage score will be the assigned grade for evaluation, with the minimum requirement of 80% to pass. Items marked as 'N/A or no opportunity to observe' will not be calculated in the student's raw score.

For pass/fail practicum courses, the student must achieve 80% of the scored items as 'meets expectation' in order to pass the course.

If the student fails to attain an 80% on the evaluation at the prescribed level of the course, the instructor may assign additional activities and/or additional clinical hours prior to a reevaluation. The student will have a one-time opportunity to be re-evaluated. A second faculty member will be present during the clinical performance retake. If the student passes the clinical performance retake (with a minimum score of 80%), the maximum grade the student can receive for the exam for purposes of grade calculation is 80%. If the student fails the retake, the student will receive a grade of "F" for the course.

Castle Branch: All students must have current immunizations and other compliance documents on file with the university to legally perform clinical hours each semester. These requirements are submitted to Castle Branch. Your clinical clearance in Castle Branch must be current and remain in compliance throughout the duration of your clinical experiences. Failure to maintain compliance will result in removal from your clinical site until compliance is achieved. If you are not able to complete clinical hours due to noncompliance in Castle Branch, this may result in a course failure.
Clinical Preceptor and Site Approval: To be cleared for clinical, this means you have submitted the online self-placement request through InPlace, submitted signed and complete preceptor agreement(s) for each preceptor you will work with to the electronic self-placement request forms in InPlace, and received approval for your clinical placement from your clinical coordinator. This approval includes a fully executed affiliation agreement by the clinical facility and UTA Legal Department. **Once you begin your clinical course, you may not make changes to your preceptors of record** except in circumstances where your preceptor leaves their position or it is determined that the preceptor or clinical site is not allowing you to meet the objectives of the course.

Preceptor and Clinical Site of Record: The preceptor and clinical site of record are the ones which have been approved by the clinical coordination team. Except as allowed in the Graduate Student Clinical Site and Preceptor Policy (located in InPlace), students are required to work with the preceptor of record at the preceptor’s clinical site.

Note: If your clinical site or preceptor has not been fully approved and does not appear in the official records of the clinical management system, **you are not approved from a legal standpoint to be in the facility or with the preceptor and may not be in the clinical setting.**

Electronic Clinical Logs: Students are required to enter all patient encounters into the clinical management system. **You only have 7 days to enter your case logs and time logs from the day of your clinical experience.** Failure to log cases/hours within 7 days will result in a loss of those hours. **No exceptions.** Your electronic logs are both a student learning opportunity and an evaluation method for your clinical courses. Patient encounters include patients the student assesses, diagnoses, and manages as part of their clinical coursework. Individual clinical courses may have additional guidelines/requirements related to their specific course and will be noted in the course syllabus (e.g. types of encounter required, number of patients required during course). The student’s electronic log data provides a description of the patients managed during the student’s clinical experience, including the number of patients, diagnoses of patients, and the type of interventions initiated. As a result, the data is an essential requirement of the student’s clinical experience and is used to evaluate student clinical performance. The data is also used to meet course requirements and to evaluate student clinical performance. Upon completion of the Program, students will have access to an executive summary of their log entries for their professional portfolio.

Status of RN Licensure:

All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered license as designated by the Texas Board of Nursing or the individual state in which the student resides to participate in graduate courses with a clinical practice requirement. It is also imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by their Board of Nursing (or licensing board) must immediately notify the Chair, Graduate Nursing, their Associate Chair, Program Director or the graduate nursing program in which they are enrolled. The complete policy about encumbered licenses is available online at: www.bon.state.tx.us

MSN Graduate Student Dress Code: The College of Nursing and Health Innovation expects students to reflect professionalism and maintain high standards of appearance and grooming in the clinical setting. Students must adhere to the Dress Code Policy. www.uta.edu/nursing/file_download/234/BSNDressCode.pdf **Clinical faculty has final judgment on the appropriateness of student attire and corrective action for dress code infractions. Students not complying with this policy will not be allowed to participate in clinical.**
UTA Student Identification: MSN Students MUST be clearly identified as UTA Graduate Students and wear a UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation ID in the clinical environment.

Unsafe Clinical Behaviors: Students deemed unsafe or incompetent will fail the course and receive a course grade of “F”. Any of the following behaviors constitute a clinical failure:

1. Fails to follow standards of professional practice as detailed by the Texas Nursing Practice Act * (available at www.bon.state.tx.us)
2. Unable to accept and/or act on constructive feedback.
3. Needs continuous, specific, and detailed supervision for the expected course performance.
4. Unable to implement advanced clinical behaviors required by the course.
5. Fails to complete required clinical assignments.
6. Falsifies clinical hours.
7. Violates student confidentiality agreement.

*Students should also be aware that violation of the Nursing Practice Act is a “reportable offense” to the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners.

Verification of Medical Insurance Coverage: All newly admitted UTA Graduate Nursing Students are required to provide Verification of Medical Insurance Coverage that includes Emergency Department coverage and follow-up treatment for needle sticks and blood borne diseases. This mandatory requirement has been approved by the UT System Board of Regents.

Injury, Blood and Body Fluids Exposure: In the event of injury, needle stick, and/or exposure of the nursing student to blood or body fluids, the nursing student should immediately notify the nursing clinical faculty. The faculty is responsible for notifying the appropriate person at the agency where the incident occurred and completing the agency’s documentation if appropriate. The faculty will also notify CONHI’s Clinical Compliance Coordinator. Life threatening emergency treatment will be implemented at the clinical facility. If emergency treatment is not available on site, 911 should be activated. If the clinical facility does not provide care indicated for the injury/incident or it is a non-emergent situation, the student may select a health care provider of their choice.

The faculty will be responsible for completing the Injury/Illness Report form for Students and Visitors located in Canvas and the Faculty Student Incident Check List. The Injury/Illness Report form should be forwarded to The University of Texas at Arlington Environmental Health and Safety Department.

Confidentiality Agreement: You signed a Confidentiality Form in orientation and were provided a copy of the form. Please take your copy of this Confidentiality Form with you to your clinical sites. Please do not sign other agency confidentiality forms. Contact your faculty if the agency requires you to sign their confidentiality form.

Masters/Post Masters Certificate Student Handbook: Students are responsible for knowing and complying with all policies and information contained in the Masters/Post Masters Certificate Student handbook online at: http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/policy/index.php
**Student Code of Ethics:** The University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation supports the Student Code of Ethics Policy. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with the Code. To view the code, click on the following link:

- [Code of Ethics for Nursing Students](#)

**No Gift Policy:** In accordance with Regent Rules and Regulations and the UTA Standards of Conduct, the College of Nursing and Health Innovation has a “no gift” policy. A donation to one of the UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation Scholarship Funds, found at the following link: is [http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/scholarships/index.php](http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/scholarships/index.php) would be an appropriate way to recognize a faculty member’s contribution to your learning. For information regarding Scholarship Funds, please contact the Dean’s office.

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NURS 5610 NNP Practicum

DAILY CLINICAL LOG (360 Clinical hours required)

Student name: __________________________  Faculty: __________________________

(Daily) Clinical Hour Tally Sheet

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Preceptor Signature(s)  Date(s)
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COURSE TOTAL: __________________________

NURS 5610 Syllabus Spring 2020
NURSE PRACTITIONER CLINICAL OBJECTIVES

1. Provide evidence of clinical skills in performing advanced health assessments to include:
   a. collecting a complete health history
   b. examining all body systems
   c. collect additional data as needed (labs, x-rays, etc.)
   d. making appropriate decisions regarding priority needs for data collection (subjective and objective)
   e. determining which problems/data collection can be deferred until later
   f. making an appropriate and accurate assessment of client’s health status (rule outs, differential diagnoses, nursing diagnoses, etc.)
   g. presenting pertinent data to preceptor in a succinct manner
   h. presenting a cost-effective, clinically sound plan of care which may include:
      1) advanced nursing management
      2) medical intervention
      3) pharmacotherapeutics
      4) diagnostic testing
      5) teaching/counseling
      6) follow-up plan
   i. discussing with preceptor personal strengths and needed areas of improvement

2. Show increasing evidence of ability to develop, implement and evaluate an appropriate management plan for newborns in the neonatal intensive care unit.

3. Show increasing evidence of ability to develop, implement and evaluate an appropriate plan for health maintenance and health promotion of clients.

4. Show evidence of ability to integrate health promotion/disease prevention activities into each client encounter.

5. Provide evidence of advanced nursing activities to promote and maintain health of infants.

6. Demonstrate ability to provide quality, culturally sensitive health care for individuals of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

7. Provide evidence of the ability to formulate and administer advanced nursing care and medical therapeutics in a variety of setting.

8. Integrate current research findings into the development and implementation of health care for children and their families.

9. Continue personal development of the various roles of the nurse practitioner as evidenced by didactic and clinical work.