Public Health Nursing Leadership (PHNL)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Public Health Nursing Leadership (PHNL) specialty program provides several program options to prepare nurses for specialty practice to promote and protect the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations. These options include the Public Health Nursing Leadership specialty at the MSN or DNP levels as well as a Combined PHNL/FNP or PNP program at the MSN level. Emphasis is on development of knowledge and expertise to assess the health status and health delivery systems of populations and to design community and population-focused nursing interventions to better address the health concerns of vulnerable populations. The core functions, services, and competencies of public health and public-private partnerships are also emphasized. Courses provide required knowledge and expertise needed to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate nursing and health care in population settings, including health departments, schools, home health agencies, community health clinics, and international health care. Management strategies to assure coordination of health services for individuals and groups at local and global levels are emphasized. The PHNL specialty is offered as a MSN, Certificate (for those with a MSN in a different area), or DNP degree levels.

DISTANCE LEARNING
The PHNL MSN and Certificate programs are offered via a partially-online format. Most of the instruction is asynchronous via the Internet. If you enroll in this program, you should have a familiarity with computers and the Internet. You would come to Charlottesville only two days per term (first and last day of the semester) for the classes. The PHNL/PCNP and DNP programs have more frequent, on-Grounds meetings.

PROGRAM FORMAT
- 38 credits for MSN; 58-60 credits for PHNL/PCNP; 19 credits for Certificate; 68 credits for BSN-DNP.
- Program duration:
  - PHNL/MSN: 12 months full-time; or 24 months part-time (at 2 courses/term); 504 clinical hours.
  - PHNL/PCNP MSN: 20 months full-time; 36 months part-time; 586 PCNP clinical hours.
  - Certificate program can be completed full-time in 12 months; 504 clinical hours; 246 PHNL clinical hours.
  - DNP: 3 years fulltime or 5 years part-time; 1008 clinical hours.
- Precepted experience in student’s geographic area
- MSN students could prepare for combined roles as advanced public health nurses and Family or Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
Students who complete the MSN or DNP Degree program in Public Health Nursing Leadership are able to:
- Synthesize and apply theories, models, and research relating to community assessment, program planning, and program evaluation.
- Demonstrate interprofessional collaboration and public-private partnerships;
- Analyze data and research for evidence based practice and resource allocation.
- Provide culturally competent care to address health concerns and disparities among vulnerable populations.
- Provide leadership in the application of the core functions of public health, the ten essential public health services, and the PHN competencies.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
Students must meet all admissions requirements, including the completion of a course in statistics (within the past five years). Applicants must have a BSN degree from an accredited institution and should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Enrolled students must have a current RN license, but prior work experience as a RN is not required for the MSN PHNL program. Prior RN experience is required for the PHNL-Nurse Practitioner or DNP programs.

International students must demonstrate ability in English and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Application deadline:
- Fall Semester
- November 1
Programs of Study

Public Health Nursing Leadership MSN
Full-time, distance learning option, 38 credits

Fall Semester
Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Transformational Leadership & Management (3)
Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)
Community Assessment (3)

Spring Semester
Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
Health Policy: Local to Global (3)
Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Public Health Nursing Practicum I (3)

Summer Session
Health Promotion/Health Behavior Research (3)
Managing Information Technology (3)
Resource Management (3)
Public Health Nursing Practicum II (4)

PHNL & Family or Pediatric NP MSN
Full-time; partially distance learning 58-60 credits

Fall Semester
Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Advanced Pathophysiology (4)
Role I: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Role Acquisition (2)

Spring Semester
Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
Advanced Pharmacology (4)
Advanced Health Assessment (3)
Clinical Decision Making for Advanced Practice (2)

Summer Session
Health Policy: Local to Global (3)
Primary Care Seminar I for FNP or PNPs (3)

Fall Semester
Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)
Primary Care Seminar II for FNP or PNPs (2-3)
Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

Spring Semester
Primary Care Seminar III for FNP or PNPs (2-3)
Primary Care Preceptorship II (6)
Role II: APRN Role Transition (1)

Certificate PHNL
Part-time, distance learning option, 19 credits

Fall Semester
Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Transformational Leadership & Management (3)
Community Assessment (3)

Spring Semester
Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Public Health Nursing Practicum I (3)

Summer Session
Public Health Nursing Practicum II (4)
Health Promotion/Health Behavior Research (3)

Public Health Nursing Leadership DNP
Full-time; partially distance learning 68 credits

Fall Semester
Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Biostatistics for Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
Community Assessment (3)
Managing Information Technology (3)
DNP Seminar I (2)

Spring Semester
Evidence Based Practice (3)
Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Quality & Safety in Healthcare Systems (2)
Nursing Ethics for Advanced Practice (3)

Summer Session
Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (3)

Fall Semester
Intro to US Healthcare System (3)
Transformational Leadership & Management (3)
PHNL Practicum I (3)

Spring Semester
Culture & Health (2)
PHNL Practicum II (4)
Health Policy: Local to Global (3)

Summer Session
DNP Practicum I (4)

Fall Semester
DNP Practicum II (5)
Cognate/MPH Course (3)
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Business & Finance for Adv. Practice Nursing (3)

Spring Semester
Evaluation & Dissemination of Scholarly Practice Project (1-6)

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