Nursing Education (NE) Degree Plan: Upon admission nursing students must meet with faculty and staff advisors to develop plan of progression. Successful completion of core courses in theory and research are essential to success in all MSN majors.

**Core Courses**

N5310 Nursing Theories and Processes: Focuses on the emergence of nursing as a scholarly discipline, patterns of knowing in nursing, and the synthesis of theory and concepts from nursing and other disciplines for use in evidence-based practice.

N5370 Research Appraisal and Application: This course provides the foundation for research appraisal and application to practice.

N 5338 Health Law, Policy and Ethics: Focus is on legal concepts and bioethical principles that shape practice, prevent liability, and assist in public policy development related to the delivery of nursing and health care in various settings.

**Advanced Practice Core Courses**

N 5303 Advanced Health Assessment: Focuses on the knowledge and skills needed for a comprehensive assessment. Obtained data will be used to make a diagnosis of health status leading to the formulation of a clinical management plan.

N 5319 Advanced Pathophysiology: Examines the processes involved in and manifestations of altered physiological functioning across the lifespan. Builds on knowledge of basic physiologic and pathophysiologic processes and is foundational to advanced practice nursing roles.

NURS 5362 Pharmacotherapeutics: Analysis of pharmacologic fundamentals relating to selection, screening, and use of prescriptive and non-prescriptive drugs throughout the life cycle

**Specialty Courses**

N 5345 Curriculum Development: Focuses on the principles, processes and issues of evidence-based curricular design for nursing education.

N 5347 Effective Teaching Strategies: Focuses on evidence-based course design with emphasis on effective teaching strategies using diverse delivery methods in various settings.

N 5348 Evaluation of Learning: Focuses on evidence-based course design with emphasis on formative and summative assessment strategies in the classroom and clinical settings.

N5320 Informatics: This course will focus on analysis of current and emerging information and communication technologies that support safe practice environments, optimum health outcomes, and cost effective care.

N5365 Managing Health Care Outcomes: Performance and outcome standards are applied to improvement of clinical and administrative outcomes in healthcare programs and organizations.