I. **Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:** Presents skills basic for advanced nursing roles to function professionally and autonomously in a competitive health care market. Two and one-half hours class and three hours lab per week. (3)

II. **Prerequisite(s):** Acceptance into graduate program.

III. **Objectives of the Course:**

   A. Expand written and oral communication skills essential to advanced nursing role implementation.

   B. Enhance informatics skills that support advanced nursing roles.

   C. Analyze professional issues and concepts influencing advanced nursing roles.

   D. Review historical and theoretical foundations of advanced nursing roles.

   E. Discuss education principles that apply to advanced nursing roles implementation.

   F. Perform a rural community-based needs assessment using basic research skills.

   G. Plan advanced nursing interventions to address identified needs within the rural community environment.

   H. Develop an approach to families appropriate for advanced nursing role implementation.

   I. Discuss basic concepts and principles of care management.

IV. **Expectations of Students:**

   A. Produce an electronic informatics portfolio to showcase the following projects:
      1. Power Point presentation.
      2. Internet directory of advanced nursing practice websites with evaluative comments.
      3. Write a proposal for marketing strategies related to an advanced nursing role.

   B. Present a Power Point presentation of the Needs Assessment.
C. Critically analyze Power Point presentations of peers.

D. Read weekly assignments and prepare an annotated bibliography of selected topics.

E. Attend three hours of lab per week.

F. Active and knowledgeable participation in class discussions.

V. **Course Content Outline (Indicate number of class hours per unit or section):**

A. Foundations of Nursing Practice
   1. Historical Evolution of Advanced Nursing Roles (1 hour)
   2. Theoretical Foundation of Advanced Nursing Roles with a Family Emphasis (6 hours)
   3. Philosophical Foundation of Advanced Nursing Roles
      a. Person and Family (1.5 hours)
      b. Knowledgeable Caring (1 hour)
      c. Rural Environment and Community (1.5 hours)

B. Advanced Nursing Skills
   1. Communication Skills (1.5 hours)
   2. Nursing Informatics Skills (3 hours)
   3. Teaching/Learning Principles
      a. Learning Styles (1.5 hours)
      b. Teaching Methods (2 hours)

C. Principles of Care Management (3.5 hours)
   1. Communication
   2. Collaboration
   3. Coordination
   4. Quality Management
   5. Continuity of Care

D. Community Interventions
   1. Needs Assessment Using Basic Research Skills (3 hours)
   2. Planning Community Interventions (3 hours)
   3. Outcome Evaluations of Community Projects (3 hours)

E. Professional Issues Inherent in Advanced Nursing Roles
   1. Image and Marketing Strategies (3 hours)
   2. Professional Organizations (1 hour)
   3. Credentialing (1 hour)
   4. Networking (1 hour)

**TOTAL:** 37.5 hours (2.5 x 15)
VI. **Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:**


C. Additional readings from various resources will be required.

VII. **Basis for Student Evaluation:**

A. Weekly Annotated Bibliographies (10%)

B. Internet Directory (15%)

C. Market Proposal (15%)

D. Teaching Project (15%)

E. Power Point Presentation (15%)

F. Written Report of Community Project (20%)
   1. Needs Analysis
   2. Plan with Objectives & Documented Rationales
   3. Description of Implementation
   4. Evaluation of Outcomes

G. Class Participation (10%)

TOTAL: 100%