

NR 500NP Week 8 Discussion: What Did You Learn

Thinking back over this course, what were the three most important or most interesting things you learned? How do you envision using the information you learned in your future nursing practice? What steps will you take to ensure your success in the master's program?

Answer:

Looking back at all the information we covered during this course, we have gained an understanding of the advanced practice nurse role and responsibilities in healthcare and the qualities required to be a great advanced practice nurse. The three most important things I learned were The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) core competencies, role and regulations for nurse practitioner practice in Iowa, and the application of scholarship. As I look ahead to my future practice as a nurse practitioner, I believe these things will be the most important.

The ability to apply scholarship means being able to obtain new knowledge and refine old knowledge by research. Once you have the knowledge interpret the knowledge and apply it to your practice and can teach those around you. As we have discussed healthcare is always changing and the application of scholarship allows for better patient outcomes and continuous process improvement (Chamberlain College of Nursing, 2022).

Obtaining the knowledge of the role and regulations nurse practitioners in the state you wish to practice is imperative. States are different in how restrictive the np practice is in their state; there is restrictive, reduced, and full practice states. You will need a full understanding of the role and regulations of your state to understand the impact it will have on your practice.

The NONPF core competencies are the competencies in which are required for entry into practice as a nurse practitioner. The competencies assist with establishing professional standards for nurse practitioners (NONPF, n.d.). I plan to implement these competencies into my practice following graduation.

To ensure success in my practice, I will use knowledge from every lesson from this course. I also need to commit to continuing my education even after graduation with procrastinating and with self-confidence. I want to be able to provide amazing physical, mental and spiritual care to my patients while maintaining my own work life balance.