



VCU

School of Nursing

NURS 706: Teaching in the Health Professions - Surviving and Thriving in Academia

This **Summer Semester Only** course is being offered through NEXus.

Course Description:

This 3 credit course examines the transition from health professions clinician to educator and introduces the multiple dimensions of the educator role. Practical information is presented for orienting to the academic environment and thriving in an academic career. Professional, legal and ethical principles associated with higher education are explored.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Examine the role transition from clinician to educator
2. Identify strategies for promoting personal and professional growth in the educator role
3. Explain the accreditation and regulatory processes in higher education and implications for educators
4. Integrate philosophical perspectives of adult education into a personal teaching philosophy
5. Analyze characteristics of effective learning environments
6. Apply professional, ethical, and legal principles to the decision-making process for addressing issues in academic and clinical educational environments.

Instructors:

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