# NURS 5254 – Advanced Practice Nursing Role

**Placement in Curriculum:** Graduate  
**Pre-requisites** Departmental approval.  
**Credits:** 2 credit  

**Course Description**  
Competence in the domain of the professional role of advanced practice nursing is the focus of this course. Students will develop expertise in articulating the emerging roles of the professional nurse in advanced practice in a variety of clinical settings and examine the legal and ethical implications of advanced practice.  
**Prerequisite:** Departmental approval.

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## Course Objectives

Upon course completion the learner is expected to be able to:  
- Use scientific theories and research to implement the advanced practice role.  
- Evaluate evidence-based practice in terms of efficacy, cost and quality outcomes.  
- Interpret the advanced practice role to the public, legislators, policy makers and other health care professions.  
- Articulate a variety of role dimensions: health care provider, coordinator, consultant, educator, coach, advocate, administrator, researcher, and leader.
**Teaching Strategies:** Experience with basic computer programs, Internet searches, electronic library searches and email are strategies used to meet the learning objectives. Discussion, demonstrations, case study, seminars, and lectures will be used as appropriate.

**Grading Criteria:**

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**Methods of Evaluation:** Evaluation methods may include exams/assignments, scholarly papers, discussion board postings and any other assignments as needed.

**Course Evaluation Methods:**

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**Expectations and Responsibilities of Learner:** All course work is expected and due at the time designated. Late course work may be subjected to a 10% penalty of the total assignment grade. Work submitted more than 48 hours late will not be accepted. The student must communicate with the instructors prior to absence or missing deadlines to receive any consideration.

**Communication:** All communication related to course must be sent through the course email. This allows for archiving of all information pertaining to the course.

**Academic Honesty:** Students are accountable for all work, which is submitted or presented for evaluation. While collaboration with others is encouraged, collaboration during any testing situation will be considered cheating as is submitting work, which you did not directly have a hand in developing. Use of information from publications/media productions without proper acknowledgement and citation is considered plagiarism. Penalties for plagiarism and/or cheating will be imposed according to the regulation of The University of Texas at El Paso. See the graduate student handbook and catalog for specific details.

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CASS’ Staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.

| Technical Assistance: | Students and faculty have 24/7/365 support through Blackboard in a variety of ways. The Online Support Center offers phone, chat, and email contact options:

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