**Description:**

Discussion of health priorities, according to Healthy People 2020. Analysis of human caring as an essential dimension of advanced practice nursing work, especially dealing with life crises, health maintenance problems, and change in health practices. Discussion of demands made by changing lifestyles and disease patterns, new and complex technologies, shifting demographics, global economies, dramatic health system changes and sociobiological and environmental threats to health and safety. Development of culturally competent holistic plans of care that addresses the health promotion and disease prevention needs of client populations that address the health promotion and disease prevention needs of client populations.

**General Objectives:**

1. Discuss trends in nursing as a discipline as it relates to the development of advanced practice nursing.
2. Analyze the effect of societal changes in health needs, and the contributions advanced practice nurses can make.
3. Identify changing patterns in health systems structure and delivery.
4. Apply the theory of values clarification as a tool for facilitating behavioral change.
5. Examine the Health Belief Model and utilize it as a theoretical framework for health education and health promotion.
6. Discuss the priorities for health promotion and disease prevention, according to Healthy People 2010.
7. Develop cultural competence skills.