# Rural Telehealth Certificate Program (RTCP)

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## **Objectives of presentation**

- Describe telehealth certificate (RTCP) purpose
- Describe the Plan of Study and provide examples of coursework
- Explain application/enrollment in RTCP certificate

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## RTCP

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- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- 2019
- Certificate for Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Students
- Integrated practice hours into DNP clinical hours of learning



- Official transcript certificate at the University of Arizona graduate college
- Certificate for any graduate student interested in telehealth delivery
- Clinical hours available through webinars, workshops and mini courses.
- 14 graduates, 4 applied

## **RTCP - DNP**

Who: Nurse Practitioners working in all areas of healthcare and especially in rural health care

What: The 3 semester, 9-unit RTCP prepares the next generation of advanced practice nurses to provide comprehensive best practices using telehealth.

When: Annual application in Fall. Courses start in Spring and Summer, Fall.

Where: UA Online. Desire to Learn (d2l) platform

Why: Telehealth applications are the future (present) healthcare delivery mechanism and understanding best practices are critical for quality care.



## **RTCP - Interdisciplinary**

Who: Licensed/certified healthcare professional\*\*

What: The condensed 9-unit RTCP prepares the next generation of professionals to provide comprehensive best practices using telehealth. (1- 2 years)

When: Annual application in March. Courses start in Spring and Summer.

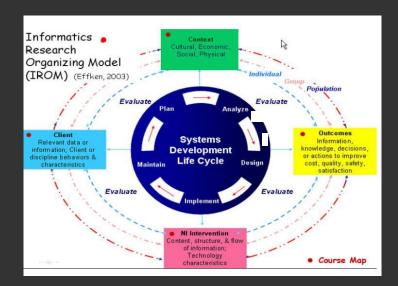
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## 3 credits Telehealth Integration

TECHNOLOGY FOR EXPANDING HEALTHCARE CAPACITY (Nurs736) Purpose: examines the use of technology (telehealth) to expand health care delivery/access capacity.



## 4 credits Rural Health

# CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS FOR RURAL HEALTH NURSING (Nurs638) 1 credit

 Purpose: examines telehealth use in healthcare practice within the conceptual foundations of occupational, ecological and socio-cultural dimensions.

#### RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH (Nurs774) 3 credits

• Purpose: Health needs of diverse populations are explored. Influence of rurality and challenges with access to healthcare that can be met by telehealth.

#### OR

#### RURAL HEALTH SYSTEMS (Nurs773) 3 credits

• Purpose: Clients; providers, and organizational outcomes; informatics; and leadership in the design, implementation and evaluation of telehealth integration into the system.

### "Non-clinical" (70-hours) live or recorded about telehealth use

- Policy, Legislation
- Mobile device updates on video/audio/3D etc.
- Information on telehealth technology
  - Synchronous video
  - telephone
  - remote patient monitoring
  - Peripherals
- Trainings
  - Arizona Telemedicine Program
  - American Telemedicine Association
  - Project ECHO
  - Vendor
- Broadband/connectivity concerns

- Technological Peripherals
  - Blood pressure
  - Cardiac rate/rhythm
  - ECG (3 lead)
  - Weight
  - Glucometer
  - Otoscopes
  - Ultrasound
  - more
- Other types of telehealth
  - teledentistry
  - teletherapy (PT, OT)
  - telehealth in ED
  - telehealth in OR
- Novel telehealth
  interventions

# **Clinical Observation (20 hours)**

- Purpose: to observe **best practices** of telehealth use by healthcare providers
- Remote or in-person observation
- Vetted by RTCP Lead
  - Known best practice
  - Complete debriefing questions about best practices
- What do we look for to vet best practices
  - Gets consent from patients
  - Team approach
  - Intermediate technology/practice coordinator
  - Organized telehealth interaction



### **Questions???**

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#### Application is open now until Nov.1

