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General Syllabus

HLTH 316V Transcultural Health

Credit Hours: 3-6 Variable

Prerequisites: NURS 3227 Foundations of Nursing Care, or SUR 153A Surgical Technology Practicum I, or RADT 1124 Clinical Education I, or consent of instructor

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines the interrelationship of culture and health. Clinical practice opportunities, in the United States or internationally, introduce students to the health practices and issues of persons from various parts of the world helping to prepare them to care for a multicultural clientele. May require travel.

B. Additional Information - None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Compare and contrast health care systems, identifying strengths and weaknesses of both systems (United States and the country being visited).
2. Collaborate effectively as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team to promote safe, effective, culturally sensitive nursing care to patients.
3. Investigate the use of traditional and herbal therapies used by different cultures to prevent and treat illness.
4. Demonstrate effective communication skills with other health care providers as well as the patients and their families while delivering nursing care.
5. Demonstrate personal and professional accountability while participating in health care delivery.

6. Participate in health care delivery within the student's level of nursing education and the parameters established by faculty performing skills accurately and safely.
7. Develop a culturally competent plan of care for one patient encountered in the health care system of the country visited.
8. Use a journal to explore and evaluate personal experiences while participating in health care delivery and other experiences of the country visited.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will research, evaluate, and compare information from varying sources in order to evaluate authority, accuracy, recency, and bias relevant to the problems/issues.

Communication Skills (written and oral): Students will effectively communicate in written and oral form in a setting different from the regular classroom or clinical setting.

Ethical Decision Making: Students will identify ethical dilemmas and affected parties in a setting different from the regular classroom or clinical setting.

Global and Cultural Perspectives: Students will demonstrate understanding or application of their discipline in a global environment.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Delivery of Culturally Competent Nursing Care
- B. Environment, History, People, Economy, Government and Health Treatment of Country to be Visited
- C. Healthcare System of Country to be Visited
- D. Nursing Care Delivery in Country to be Visited