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General Syllabus

NURS 2103 Introduction to Professional Nursing

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: Admission to the BSN or BSN-Accelerated Program

Prerequisites or corequisites (BSN only): HLTH 3103 Pathophysiology and NURS 3164 Health Assessment

Corequisites (BSN-Accelerated only): NURS 3164 Health Assessment, NURS 3113 Nursing Skills and NURS 3227 Foundations of Nursing Care

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines the foundation of professional nursing practice. Focuses on nursing history and trends, nursing process, and nursing roles.

B. Additional Information

This course will be presented utilizing multiple teaching/learning strategies.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Use **critical thinking** skills to interpret the impact professional nursing has had on society.
2. Integrate the relationship between nursing **research**, process, and nursing's scientific knowledge base.
3. Identify **communication** as an effective tool for the professional nurse.
4. Examine **leadership and management** styles the professional nurse uses in the provision of quality health care.
5. Plan **health promotion** strategies that support wellness using Healthy People 2020 goals.

6. Incorporate nursing behaviors consistent with professional standards in the **role of the professional nurse.**

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will use critical thinking skills to identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical-decision making processes.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. History and Evolution of Professional Nursing
- B. Trends and Licensure of Professional Nursing
- C. Theories and Theorists of Nursing Practice
- D. Legal and Ethical Concepts of Nursing
- E. Cultural Competency and Social Issues
- F. Workforce Advocacy, Nursing Shortage, Collective Bargaining
- G. Information Technology, Emergency Preparedness
- H. Leadership, Management, Delegation
- I. Budgeting, Financial Guidelines, Effective Communication
- J. Staffing and Assigning Work
- K. Quality and Safety Issues in Nursing Education
- L. Transitioning from Student Nurse to Professional Nurse
- M. Negotiate First Employment as Professional Nurse
- N. Ethical Platform Papers or Research Project