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### General Syllabus

### NURS 3113 Nursing Skills

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 2

Laboratory Hours: 3

Prerequisites (BSN only): NURS 2103 Introduction to Professional Nursing and NURS 3164 Health Assessment

Corequisite (BSN-only): NURS 3227 Foundations of Nursing Care

Corequisites (BSN-Accelerated only): NURS 2103 Introduction to Professional Nursing, NURS 3164 Health Assessment, and NURS 3227 Foundations of Nursing Care

Effective Catalog: 2018- 2019

#### I. Course Information

##### A. Catalog Description

The development of basic, intermediate, and advanced nursing skills is studied. Campus laboratories are used for student practice, simulation, and demonstrations of skills.

##### B. Additional Information

This in-depth course focuses on the development of nursing skills. The course consists of supervised laboratory practice of skills and demonstration of competency.

#### II. Student Learning Outcomes

##### A. Subject Matter

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

1. Implement nursing skills integrating **critical thinking** strategies.
2. Apply nursing skills based on **research** findings which support evidence-based practice.
3. Utilize effective **communication** as an essential nursing skill.
4. Recognize competent skill performance as a component of the **leadership and management** role.
5. Apply **health promotion** strategies when performing nursing skills.

6. Analyze the **professional nurse's role** and accountability in skill performance.

## **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. Students will understand the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Standards of Conduct and Academic Honesty policies and apply these standards to their professional role.

### **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. Asepsis & Infection Control
- B. Safety, Security, & Emergency Preparedness
- C. Urinary Elimination
- D. Skin Integrity and Wound Care
- E. Bowel Elimination
- F. Nutrition
- G. Oxygenation
- H. Medication Administration
- I. Fluid and Electrolytes/IV