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General Syllabus

NURS 3227 Foundations of Nursing Care

Credit Hours: 7

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 12

Prerequisites: HLTH 3103 Pathophysiology (BSN and BSN-Accelerated) and NURS 3164 Health Assessment (BSN only)

Prerequisites or corequisites (BSN only): PHAR 3203 General Pharmacology and NUTR 2523 Nutrition

Corequisites: NURS 2103 Introduction to Professional Nursing (BSN-Accelerated only), NURS 3113 Nursing Skills (BSN and BSN-Accelerated), and NURS 3164 Health Assessment (BSN-Accelerated only)

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An introduction to the nursing diagnoses with an emphasis on major nursing concepts and fundamental skills. Application of these concepts and skills is accomplished in laboratory and clinical settings.

B. Additional Information

The 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:

1. Use **critical thinking** skills to plan, implement and evaluate client care.
2. Apply **research** and evidence-based practice guidelines to nursing practice.
3. Interact with clients using various techniques, forms, and methods of **communication**.

4. Utilize the concepts of **leadership and management** to organize, establish, coordinate, and manage health care issues of the adult population.
5. Integrate **health promotion** activities in the nursing care of the adult population.
6. Model the **role of professional nurse** in relation to other members of the health care team.

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.

Quantitative Reasoning: Students will assign and use numbers, read and analyze data, create models, draw inferences, and support conclusions based on sound mathematical reasoning.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently.

Ethical Decision Making

Student will model ethical-decision making processes. Students will adhere to the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Standards of Conduct and Academic Honesty policies.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Nursing and the Health Care Environment
- B. Caring throughout the Life Span
- C. Critical Thinking in Nursing Practice
 1. Nursing Process
- D. Professional Standards in Nursing Practice
 2. Ethics and Values
 3. Cultural Awareness
- E. Foundations for Nursing Practice
 1. Asepsis and Infection Control
 2. Patient Safety and Quality
- F. Psychosocial Basis for Nursing Practice
- G. Physiological Basis for Nursing Practice
 1. Hygiene
 2. Activity
- H. Child & Adult Maltreatment