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General Syllabus

NURS 434C Nursing Care of the Adult II

Credit Hours: 12

Lecture Hours: 4

Laboratory Hours: 24

Prerequisites: NURS 3337 Nursing Care of the Adult I and NURS 3236 Nursing Care of Women and Children

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Focuses on care of the client's physiological, psychosocial, cultural and developmental health issues with a concentration on priority nursing diagnoses in adult and geriatric populations.

B. Additional Information

Emphasis is placed on clinical critical thinking and decision making for adult clients in the medical-surgical setting who are experiencing health problems related to pathophysiologic mechanisms of disease, oxygenation, urinary function regulatory and reproductive, and movement and coordination disorders.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

1. Use **critical thinking** to apply theory into nursing intervention to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
2. Apply transitional **research** findings to nursing intervention to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
3. Utilize effective **communication** skills to provide collaborative care to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
4. Use **leadership and management** skills to modulate the interdisciplinary care to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
5. Apply **health promotion** strategies to adults with acute and chronic health problems.

6. Use the **professional role** of the nurse to care for adults with acute and chronic health problems.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will think critically, research, evaluate currency and accuracy of evidence, bias, mathematical, and all course information when analyzing the presented information to reach viable solutions to a problem or problems and assess and justify their solutions.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently, orally, and publically, to compose coherent documents to appropriate audiences.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model the ethical decision making process through the application of ethical frameworks such as the ANA Code of Ethics in their professional roles to resolve ethical dilemmas through effective ethical communication.

Global & Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences regarding a global environment and demonstrate appropriate interactions with people from cultures other than their own to understand how the discipline of nursing impacts different cultures.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Genetics/Genomics
- B. Cloning
- C. Cancer
- D. Altered Immune Responses and Infection
- E. Liver, Pancreas, and Biliary Tract
- F. Hematologic System/Hematologic Problems
- G. Cardiovascular System/Assessment
- H. Vascular Disorders
- I. Urinary System
- J. Renal and Urologic Problems
- K. Acute Renal Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease
- L. Endocrine System
- M. Endocrine Problems
- N. Diabetic Mellitus
- O. Female Reproductive Problems
- P. Male Reproductive Problems

- Q.** Musculoskeletal Trauma and Orthopedic Surgery
- R.** Arthritis and Connective Tissue Diseases