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General Syllabus

NURS 1226 Nursing Concepts II

Credit Hours: 6

Lecture Hours: 4

Clinical Hours:6

Prerequisite(s): NURS 1215 Nursing Concepts I

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): BIOL 2213 Human Physiology; BIOL 2211 Human Physiology Lab; PSYC 1163 General Psychology; HLTH 1473 Medical Terminology

Effective Catalog: Fall 2024

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Students will reinforce the use of the nursing process and apply critical thinking while developing clinical judgement in nursing care of adult and geriatric clients. Student will begin to use fundamental nursing skills to identify and prioritize the needs of medical/surgical adult and geriatric clients with common health problems in a variety of clinical settings. Students in this course will complete a total of 90 clinical hours.

B. Additional Information

This course introduces the student to the clinical environment and provides the opportunity to apply nursing skills while providing care to the adult client with common medical/surgical problems. The focus will be on identifying common medical/surgical problems, responding with appropriate nursing interventions, and evaluating patient outcomes. Students will learn how to incorporate pharmacology, nutrition therapy, prevention, restoration, and health promotion as they pertain to nursing care of the adult client.

Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Apply knowledge of the nursing process when providing fundamental nursing care to the adult/geriatric client.
2. Implement moral, ethical, and legal concepts during nursing care of the adult/geriatric client.

3. Integrate health promotion and prevention in the nursing care of the adult/geriatric client.
4. Demonstrate accountability and responsibility in a professional manner.
5. Use effective communication as an essential nursing skill.

B. University Learning Outcomes (ULO)

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking

Students will identify problems and develop solutions.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently in classroom and clinical settings.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes in nursing and health care settings.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will demonstrate how nursing care is impacted by adult clients of diverse cultures.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. IV Therapy
- B. Fluid and Electrolytes
- C. Asepsis and Infections
- D. Perioperative Care
- E. Hypertensive Disorders
- F. Respiratory Disorders
- G. Gastrointestinal Disorders
- H. Breast Disorders
- I. Integumentary Disorders
- J. Sensory Disorders
- K. Diversity and inclusion of the adult client