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## **General Syllabus**

### **NURS 2247 Nursing Concepts IV**

Credit Hours: 6

Lecture Hours: 4

Clinical Hours:9

Prerequisite(s): NURS 2237 Nursing Concepts III

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): ENGL 1213 English Composition II; NURS 2242 Client Management Concepts; FIN 1521 Personal Finance Applications

Effective Catalog: Fall 2024

## **I. Course Information**

### **A. Catalog Description**

This course emphasizes critical thinking in the care of acutely/critically ill adults with content including a theoretical basis of psychiatric nursing. Students in this course will complete a total of 135 clinical hours in a variety of critical care and psychiatric care settings.

### **B. Additional Information**

This course provides students with the opportunity to apply nursing skills while providing care to the adult client with critical health issues and to study common psychiatric disorders and their treatment. The focus will be on identifying common medical/surgical problems, responding with appropriate nursing interventions, and evaluating patient outcomes. Students will incorporate pharmacology, nutrition therapy, prevention, restoration, and health promotion as they pertain to nursing care of clients in community, inpatient, and critical care settings.

## **II. 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 holistic and compassionate care for critically ill adult clients and those with a psychiatric/mental health disorder.
2. Implement moral, ethical and legal concepts in caring for critically ill adult clients and those with a psychiatric/mental health disorder.

3. Integrate health promotion and prevention in the nursing care of critically ill adult clients and those with a psychiatric/mental health disorder.
4. Demonstrate accountability and responsibility in a professional manner.
5. Use effective therapeutic 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. Patient and Family Responses in Critical Care
- B. Ethical and Legal Issues in Critical Care Nursing
- C. Palliative and End of Life Care
- D. Cardiovascular Alterations in Critical Care
- E. Shock, Sepsis, Multiple Organ Dysfunction
- F. Acute Respiratory Failure and Ventilatory Assistance
- G. Trauma Management and Burns
- H. Endocrine and Nervous System Alterations in Critical Care
- I. Psychosocial Nursing
- J. Psychobiological Disorders and Treatments
- K. Trauma and Special Populations Interventions