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General Syllabus

NURS 3244 Nursing Care of Children

Credit Hours: 4 Lecture Hours: 2 Laboratory or other types of Hours: 6

Prerequisite(s): NURS 3225 Nursing Fundamentals and admission to BSN program

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): NURS 3336 Nursing Care of the Adult I or NURS 3339 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing

Effective Catalog: 2023-2024

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description:

The course focuses on the care of children along the health and illness continuum. Students apply the nursing process to address care of the well-child, child with acute, chronic, and/or life-threatening conditions. This course includes 90 hours in the clinical setting.

B. Additional Course Description:

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 be able to:

1. Utilize critical thinking skills in addressing the care of the well child and the child with acute, chronic, and /or life-threatening conditions.
2. Integrate the use of nursing research in the care of the well child; child with acute, chronic, and/or life-threatening conditions.
3. Engage in various forms of age-appropriate communication to address care of the child.
4. Promote leadership and management responsibilities while applying the nursing process to address care of children throughout the lifespan.
5. Advocate health promotion activities in the nursing care of children.
6. Promote the role of professional nurse in interacting and caring for children.

B. University Learning Outcomes:

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/ analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently with children of all age groups.

Ethical Decision Making

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

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. Introduction to Pediatric Nursing
- B. Growth and Development of the Newborn through Adolescents
- C. Nursing Care of the Hospitalized Child and Family
- D. Hospitalized Child and Family
- E. Nursing Care of the Child with Dysfunctions of the Following Systems: Respiratory,
- F. Cardiovascular, Renal, Gastrointestinal, Endocrine, Neurologic and Musculoskeletal.
- G. Recognition and Prevention of Child Maltreatment
- H. Cancer/Chronic Conditions and End of Life Care