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## **General Syllabus**

### **NURS 4001 NCLEX Preparation I**

Credit Hours: 1                      Lecture Hours: 1                      Laboratory or other types of Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): Admission to BSN program and either NURS 3336 Nursing Care of the Adult I or NURS 3339 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): HLTH 3162 Transcultural Health

Effective Catalog: 2023-2024

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description:**

Provides students competencies and strategies to transition from student to baccalaureate prepared nurse. Focus on steps/materials to pass RN-NCLEX®. Study purpose and structure of RN-NCLEX®, test blueprint, computerized adaptive testing, multiple choice, and alternate item format questions. Use the ATI Comprehensive predictor to assess strengths and weaknesses and develop a comprehensive, personal plan of study for RN-NCLEX®.

##### **B. Additional Course Description:**

Content focus is on review of the current nursing content, test approaches, and other topic areas designed to achieve success on the NCLEX, and preparation the learner for entry level professional nursing practice. At the end of this course, with appropriate study and practice in the classroom, the student will be prepared to take NCLEX-RN.

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

1. Use critical thinking skills to identify and build upon personal strengths and remediate knowledge deficits through participation in class sessions and individual work preparation.
2. Apply research and evidence-based practice guidelines regarding the nursing care.
3. Utilize effective communication skills, both written and oral, as part of a multidisciplinary team to care for clients and their families.
4. Utilize the concepts of leadership and management to organize, establish, coordinate, and manage health care issues of clients across the lifespan.

5. Integrate health promotion activities in the nursing care of clients across the lifespan.
6. Perform the role of professional nurse caring for clients across the lifespan.

## **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

### **Analytical Skills**

#### **Critical Thinking**

Students will identify knowledge deficits in nursing content areas and test-taking skills appropriate to NCLEX-RN.

#### **Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently.

#### **Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision-making processes related to nursing care of clients across the lifespan.

#### **Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting and caring for clients from cultures other than their own.

## **III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Adult Medical Surgical
- B. Anatomy & Physiology
- C. Communications
- D. Community Health
- E. Fundamentals
- F. Leadership and Management
- G. Maternal Newborn
- H. Mental Health
- I. Nursing Care of Children
- J. Nursing Informatics and Technology
- K. Nursing Skills
- L. Nutrition
- M. Pharmacology
- N. Professionalism
- O. Student Skills