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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): NURS 3336 Nursing Care of the Adult I or NURS 3339 Adult Medical Surgical Nursing

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): None

Corequisite(s): None

Effective Catalog: Fall 2023-Spring 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 NCLEX-RN®, test blueprint, computerized adaptive testing, multiple choice, and alternate item format questions. Use the ATI Examinations to assess strengths and weaknesses and develop a comprehensive, personal plan of study for NCLEX-RN®.

B. Additional Information: Content focus is on review of the current nursing content, test approaches, and other topic areas designed to achieve success on the NCLEX and prepares the learner for entry level professional nursing practice.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

Course Outcomes: At the end of this course, with appropriate study and practice in the classroom, the student will be prepared to take the NCLEX-RN®.

A. Subject Matter

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

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 (ULO)

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

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, to read and interpret client information and to complete medication administration records.

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.

Ethical Decision Making

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

III. Major Course Topics

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