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General Syllabus

NURS 2237 Nursing Concepts III

Credit Hours: 6

Lecture Hours: 4

Clinical Hours: 9

Prerequisite(s): NURS 1226 Nursing Concepts II or NURS 2226 LPN-RN Transition Concepts

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): PSYC 2963 Developmental Psychology Lifespan; BIOL 2503 Microbiology; BIOL 2501 Microbiology Lab; ENGL 1203 English Composition I

Effective Catalog: Fall 2024-Spring 2025

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

This course emphasizes critical thinking in the care of adult, child, and maternity clients. Students utilize nursing skills to prioritize the needs of medical/surgical adult clients; care of women with normal and high-risk pregnancy including other women's health issues; care of the newborn; and care of infants and children with acute and chronic conditions. Students in this course will complete a total of 135 clinical hours in obstetrics, pediatrics, and adult medical/surgical clinical settings.

B. Additional Information

This course provides students with 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 incorporate pharmacology, nutrition therapy, prevention, restoration, and health promotion as they pertain to nursing care of clients throughout the life span.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Apply the nursing process by providing holistic and compassionate nursing care to adult and pediatric clients with medical surgical problems and obstetric clients, including those with various women's health issues.

2. Implement moral, ethical and legal concepts in caring for adult, pediatric, and obstetric/women's health clients.
3. Integrate health promotion and prevention during the nursing care of adult and pediatric clients with medical surgical problems, and obstetric/women's health clients.
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. Normal and High-Risk Pregnancy
- B. Normal and High-Risk Client in Labor
- C. Normal and High-Risk Postpartum Client
- D. Normal and High-Risk Newborn
- E. Normal Growth and Development of the Newborn through Adolescents
- F. Care of the Child with Respiratory, Cardiac, Renal, Gastrointestinal, Endocrine, Neurologic and Musculoskeletal Disorders
- G. Cardiovascular Disorders in Adult Clients
- H. Renal Disorders in Adult Clients
- I. Endocrine System Disorders in Adult Clients
- J. Reproductive Disorders in Adult Clients
- K. Musculoskeletal Disorders in Adult Clients
- L. Cancer