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General Syllabus

NURS 4336 Nursing Care of the Adult II

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

Prerequisite(s): NURS 3336 Nursing Care of the Adult I and admission to BSN program

Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): NURS 3234 Nursing Care of Women; NURS 3454 Psychiatric Nursing

Effective Catalog: 2023-2024

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description:

Focuses on care of the client's physiological, psychosocial, cultural, and developmental health issues, with a concentration on priority nursing diagnoses for adult and geriatric populations. This course includes 90 hours in the clinical setting.

B. Additional Course Description:

Emphasis is placed on clinical critical thinking and decision making for adult clients in the medical-surgical setting who are experiencing health problems related to pathophysiologic mechanisms of disease, oxygenation, urinary function regulatory and reproductive, and movement and coordination disorders.

I. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter:

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

1. Use critical thinking to apply theory into nursing intervention to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
2. Apply transitional research findings to nursing intervention to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
3. Utilize effective communication skills to provide collaborative care to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
4. Use leadership and management skills to modulate the interdisciplinary care to adults with acute and chronic health problems.

5. Apply health promotion strategies to adults with acute and chronic health problems.
6. Use the professional role of the nurse to care for adults with acute and chronic health problems.

B. University Learning Outcomes:

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills Critical Thinking

Students will think critically, research, evaluate currency and accuracy of evidence, bias, mathematical, and all course information when analyzing the presented information to reach viable solutions to a problem or problems and assess and justify their solutions.

Communication Skill (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently, orally, and publicly, to compose coherent documents to appropriate audiences.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes in nursing and health care related settings through the application of ethical frameworks such as the ANA Code of Ethical Decision Making in their professional roles to resolve ethical dilemmas through effective ethical communication.

Global & Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences regarding a global environment and demonstrate appropriate interactions with people from cultures other than their own to understand how the discipline of nursing impacts different cultures.

II. Major Course Topics

- A. Genetics/Genomics
- B. Cloning
- C. Cancer
- D. Altered Immune Responses and Infection
- E. Liver, Pancreas, and Biliary Tract
- F. Hematologic System/Hematologic Problems
- G. Cardiovascular System/Assessment
- H. Vascular Disorders
- I. Urinary System
- J. Renal and Urologic Problems
- K. Acute Renal Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease
- L. Endocrine System
- M. Endocrine Problems
- N. Diabetic Mellitus
- O. Female Reproductive Problems
- P. Male Reproductive Problems
- Q. Musculoskeletal Trauma and Orthopedic Surgery
- R. Arthritis and Connective Tissue Diseases