

Virginia Western Community College

NSG 106

Competencies for Nursing Practice

Prerequisites

MTE 1-5 and Bio 141 (or BIO 231 or NAS 161)

Course Description

Focuses on the application of concepts through clinical skill development. Emphasizes the use of clinical judgment in skill acquisition. Includes principles of safety, evidence-based practice, and informatics and math computational skills. Prepares students to demonstrate competency in specific skills and drug dosage calculation including the integration of skills in the care of clients in simulated settings. Provides supervised learning experiences in college nursing laboratories, clinical/community settings, and/or simulated environments.

Semester Credits: 2

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 3

Required Materials

Textbooks:

CoursePoint Premium first year access code. ISBN: 9781496326287

Brunner & Suddarth's Text of Medical-Surgical Nursing. Hinkle, Janice L. 14th Edition.

ISBN: 9781496355157

Fundamentals of Nursing. Taylor. 8th Edition. ISBN: 9781451185614

Maternity & Pediatric Nursing. Ricci, Susan S. 3rd Edition. ISBN: 9781451194005

Focus on Nursing Pharmacology. Karch. 7th Edition. ISBN: 9781496318213

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. Videbeck. 7th Edition. ISBN: 9781975111786

Essentials of Pathophysiology. Porth. 4th Edition. ISBN: 9781451190809

Health Assessment in Nursing. Weber, Janet R. & Kelley, Jane H. 6th Edition. ISBN: 9781496344380

Leadership Roles and Management Functions in Nursing. Marquis. 9th Edition. ISBN: 9781496349798

vSim for Maternity/Pediatrics. Lippincott. ISBN: 9781496327819

vSim for Mental Health. Lippincott. ISBN: 9781496397331

Supplementary Materials:

EHR Tutor – 1 Year. ISBN: 9780692212028

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Demonstrate the use of therapeutic communication, caring behaviors and client self-determination in the implementation of clinical skills in the lab setting.
- Report patient safety issues and risks related to skill completion in a laboratory setting.
- Summarize the components of clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice and the nursing process in the implementation of clinical skills.
- Demonstrate professionalism and professional behaviors.
- Compute drug dosage calculation with 90% accuracy.
- Perform required skills safely and accurately.

Topical Description

Safety:

- Fall precautions
- Restraints

Drug Dosage Calculations:

- Conversions
- Oral and parenteral dosage calculations

Infection:

- Hand hygiene
- Personal protective equipment
- Sterile gloving and sterile fields

Mobility:

- Proper body mechanics
- Patient transfers
- Patient positioning
- Use of assistive mobility devices

Functional Ability:

- Hygiene care

Tissue Integrity:

- Wound care
- Removal of sutures and staples
- Heat and cold application

Urinary Elimination:

- Insertion and maintenance of urinary catheter
- Bladder irrigation
- Use of bed pan, urinal and commode
- Intake and output (I & O)
- Specimen collection

Bowel Elimination:

- Enemas
- Rectal tubes
- Colostomy applications
- Specimen collection

Gas Exchange:

- Coughing and deep breathing
- Incentive spirometry use
- Oxygen delivery equipment
- Artificial airways
- Suctioning: oral, tracheal, naso-tracheal
- Specimen collection

Nutrition:

- Feeding clients
- Aspiration precautions
- Nasogastric tube care, insertion, irrigation, and connecting to suction.
- Enteral feedings via NG or PEG
- Blood glucose monitoring

Pharmacology Principles:

- Medication Administration
- Drug Dosage Calculations: conversions; oral and parenteral dosage calculations
- Administration of oral, topical and parenteral medications
- Needle safety

Note to Instructors