

# Virginia Western Community College

## NSG 130

### Professional Nursing Concepts

#### **Prerequisites**

Bio 141 (or BIO 231 or NAS 161)

#### **Course Description**

Introduces the role of the professional nurse and fundamental concepts in professional development. Focuses on professional identity, legal/ethical issues and contemporary trends in professional nursing.

**Semester Credits: 1**

**Lecture Hours: 1**

**Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0**

#### **Required Materials**

##### **Textbooks:**

CoursePoint Premium first year access code. ISBN: 9781496326287

Brunner & Suddarth's Text of Medical-Surgical Nursing. Hinkle, Janice L. 14<sup>th</sup> Edition.  
ISBN: 9781496355157

Fundamentals of Nursing. Taylor. 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9781451185614

Maternity & Pediatric Nursing. Ricci, Susan S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9781451194005

Focus on Nursing Pharmacology. Karch. 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9781496318213

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing. Videbeck. 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9781975111786

Essentials of Pathophysiology. Porth. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9781451190809

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

Leadership Roles and Management Functions in Nursing. Marquis. 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. ISBN: 9781496349798

vSim for Maternity/Pediatrics. Lippincott. ISBN: 9781496327819

vSim for Mental Health. Lippincott. ISBN: 9781496397331

##### **Supplementary Materials:**

## **Course Outcomes**

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

- Relate how caring and advocacy principles are used in client-centered care.
- Identify legal and ethical principles in client care.
- Demonstrate the use of evidence and informatics in the provision of client care.
- Identify the impact of personal beliefs, values and attitudes in the development of professionalism and professional behaviors.
- Identify the roles of the health care team in relation to the interdisciplinary plan of care, chain of command and client rounding.

## **Topical Description**

Professionalism Concept:

- Professional responsibilities and roles of the nurse
- Historical development of nursing
- Scope of practice
- Professional boundaries
- Exemplars: social media practices, attributes of the profession

Legal Issues Concept:

- Standards of Care
- Civil law affecting nursing
- Negligence vs. malpractice
- Code of Virginia
- Client Abandonment
- Exemplars: Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), informed consent, restraints, licensure, mandatory reporting

Ethics Concept:

- Ethical principles
- American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics
- Values
- Exemplars: advanced directives, confidentiality

Evidence Concept:

- Purpose and benefits
- Levels of evidence
- PICOT (population, intervention, comparison, outcome, time) model
- How to use evidence
- Exemplars: practice guidelines, nursing research, expert opinion

Informatics Concept:

- Health Information Systems
- Consumer health information
- Evaluation of web based health information
- Exemplars: electronic health record, consumer health informatics

Caring Advocacy Concept:

- Caring Theories
- Advocacy in Nursing
- Compassion fatigue and self-care in nursing
- Exemplar: Patient Bill of Rights

Teamwork Collaboration Concept:

- Competencies for Collaboration
- Communication strategies in teams
- Healthcare team members
- Team communication: SBAR (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendations)
- Exemplars: interdisciplinary plan of care, hand-off reporting, chain of command, patient rounding

**Note to Instructors**