

Virginia Western Community College

NSG 230

Advanced Professional Nursing Concepts

Semester 4

Prerequisites: NSG 210: Health Care Concepts I; NSG 211: Health Care Concepts II, Nursing Elective

Co-requisites: NSG 270: Nursing Capstone; NSG 252: Nursing Complex Health Concepts

Pre/co-requisite: PHI 220: Ethics

Course Description

Develops the role of the professional nurse in the healthcare environment in preparation for practice as a registered nurse. Introduces leadership and management concepts and focuses on the integration of professional behaviors in a variety of healthcare settings.

Lecture 2 hours. Total 2 hours per week.

Semester Credits: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

Textbooks:

1. CoursePoint for Concepts 6 book library year 2 – ISBN: 9781975115753
2. vSim for Maternity/Pediatrics. Lippincott - ISBN: 9781975197841
3. Kaplan

Supplementary Materials:

Kaplan Resources

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Evaluate legal and ethical principles related to health care policy and health care economics.
2. Evaluate quality indicators in health care organizations
3. Analyze leadership and collaborative practice strategies that foster mutual respect and shared decision making.
4. Analyze care coordination related to episodic vs. continuous care across multiple settings.

Topical Description

Major topics to be included:

1. Leadership Concept

Leadership versus management Formal
versus informal leadership

Leadership theories

Exemplars: styles of leadership, change management, team building

2. Ethics Concept

Moral courage and the role of the nurse (courage, obligations to honor, danger management, expression: CODE)

Strategies to promote ethical care, human right to self determination

Exemplars: peer review, Virginia Peer Assistance program for nurses, ethical dilemmas

3. Quality Concept

Quality indicators

Culture of quality

Major attributes of health care quality

Equitable care

Core measures

Exemplars: magnet designation, root cause analysis, Hospital Consumer

Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS)

4. Informatics Concept

Clinical informatics

Domains of informatics

Electronic health record

Trends in nursing informatics

Exemplars: clinical decision support systems

5. Health Care Policy\Health Care Economics Concept

Individual health care financing

Organizational financing

Trends in health care policy

Exemplars: regulatory agencies, financing access: Medicare,

Medicaid, health insurance, accrediting bodies

6. Coordination of Care Concept

Care coordination models

Delegation

Clinical reasoning

Exemplars: delegation, priority setting, emergency triage

7. Communication Concept

Communication pitfalls

Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety

(Team STEPPS)

Exemplars: conflict resolution, lateral violence, civility in the workplace

Note to Instructors