

Virginia Western Community College

NSG 130

Professional Nursing Concepts

Prerequisites: BIO 141: Human Anatomy and Physiology I or NAS 161: Health Science I or BIO 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I; ENG 111 College Composition 1; SDV 100 College Success Skills; PSY 230 Developmental Psychology; acceptance into AAS Nursing degree program; CPR BLS for Healthcare Professional

Co-Requisite: NSG 100: Introduction to Nursing Concepts; NSG 106: Competencies for Nursing Practice; NSG 200 Health Promotion and Assessment

Pre/co requisites: BIO 142: Human Anatomy and Physiology 11 or NAS 162: Health Science 11 or BIO 232 Human Anatomy and Physiology 11

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

1. CoursePoint Premium first year access code - ISBN: 9781975223267
2. vSim for Maternity and Peds Enhanced Next Gen – ISBN: 9781975200862
3. Marcus & Hutson Leadership Book Enhanced – ISBN: 9781975215309
4. Kaplan

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.
- Utilize clinical judgment when collaborating with the healthcare team in the delivery of client centered care.
- Identify legal and ethical responsibilities related to safe medication administration.

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