

NURSING (NURS)

NURS 211 Intro to Professional Nursing 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This course introduces the student to a theoretical foundation for professional nursing practice. It focuses on nursing's historical origin, and its development throughout the years to present. Concepts discussed include nursing and related theories, and the nursing process, legal/ethical issues and other topics relevant to the practice of professional nursing.

Prerequisite(s): admission into the nursing program, and permission of Dean or instructor

NURS 212 Health Appraisal 4 Credit Hours (2,6)

This course serves as an introduction to the nursing assessment and analysis component of the nursing process as a method of determining a well individual's health potential and status across the lifespan. Emphasis is on obtaining and documenting a health history, performing a nursing assessment and beginning to formulate a nursing diagnosis.

Prerequisite(s): admission into the nursing program and permission of Dean or instructor

NURS 213 Fundamentals of Nursing 6 Credit Hours (3,9)

This course provides a theoretical and clinical foundation upon which science is applied to clients experiencing common health stressors. Emphasis is placed upon collecting relevant data, formulating nursing diagnosis based on the data, implementation of both appropriate nursing interventions and related psychomotor nursing skills. Responsibilities as a health team member who displays caring behaviors and as a self-directed learner are also considered.

Prerequisite(s): NURS211, NURS212

Pre or Corequisite(s): HLTH208, HLTH232, HLTH209 and BIOL223 or BIOL204

NURS 290 Directed Study in Nursing 1,2 Credit Hours (1-2,0)

Special study of nursing topic tailored to student interest and need. May be repeated for maximum of four credits.

Prerequisite(s): minimum sophomore status

NURS 325 Nursing Childbearing Families 5 Credit Hours (3,6)

Theoretical and clinical foundation for application of the nursing process in caring for childbearing families. Focus on: norms and complications of the childbirth experience with application of strategies to promote health and prevent complications related to pregnancy and childbirth.

Prerequisite(s): NURS327

Corequisite(s): NURS326

Pre or Corequisite(s): NURS/HLTH328

NURS 326 Nursing of Children & Families 5 Credit Hours (3,6)

Theoretical and clinical foundation for application of nursing process in caring for children and their families. Emphasis: health promotion, maintenance and restoration with application of principles and concepts related to growth and development, family theory, environmental influences on health and the nursing process.

Prerequisite(s): NURS327

Corequisite(s): NURS325

Pre or Corequisite(s): NURS/HLTH328

NURS 327 Adult Nursing I 8 Credit Hours (4,12)

Combined class and clinical experiences that apply the concepts of nursing and related theories to the care of the adult client with common health alterations in each of the basic human need areas. Nursing clinical experiences are in primary, secondary, and tertiary care settings for adult clients.

Prerequisite(s): NURS213, HLTH209 and BIOL223 or BIOL204

NURS 328 Multi Approach to Health Care 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This course explores values, beliefs and practices related to health behaviors in a variety of culturally diverse groups. Methods for fostering culturally sensitive care are explored. Content includes communication, biological and nutritional considerations, assessment techniques and alternative/complementary health practices. Also listed as HLTH328.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY101

NURS 352 Hlth Issues Aging Populations 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This course is designed to assist students from a variety of disciplines to gain a greater understanding of health-related issues that are associated with advancing age. In addition to exploring physiological and psychological changes experienced by our elderly clients, students will learn how they can adapt their work strategies to work more effectively for the elderly clients that they serve. Also listed as HLTH352.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC155 and Junior status

NURS 360 Professional Nursing Concepts 4 Credit Hours (4,0)

This four-credit course is the traditional course into professional nursing for the practicing registered nurse. Course emphasis: concepts of professional nursing, nursing and other related theories, health promotion, using research in nursing practice, impact of technology on profession, and economics related to nursing care. Includes: the history of nursing, ethics, culture, and critical thinking are interwoven in the exploration of concepts.

Prerequisite(s): Permission of Dean or Instructor

NURS 363 Individual/Family Assessment 5 Credit Hours (3,6)

This course is directed toward the application of theoretical Nursing concepts related to assessment of the individual and family health, development, structure and dynamics through the lifespan. Emphasis is on the principles of factors influencing family health care, comprehensive health history taking, physical assessment skills, and analysis of data to determine an individual's or family's health status. For Post Licensure majors (RN-BSN) only.

Pre or Corequisite(s): NURS360

NURS 365 Family Nursing Theory 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Theoretical concepts of family development, structure and dynamics are presented. Factors influencing family health care are examined. Strategies are developed to enhance healthy family functioning.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY101

Pre or Corequisite(s): NURS360

NURS 431 Adult Nursing II 8 Credit Hours (4,12)

This is a theory and clinical laboratory course focusing on application of the nursing process in care of the adult client with multiple health stressors. Basic human needs theory and concepts of stress/adaptation, health promotion, health maintenance, health restoration and teaching-learning are applied. The student collaborates with the health team and applies theory and principles of leadership and management in providing care in secondary and tertiary care settings.

Prerequisite(s): HLTH328, NURS325, NURS327, NURS326

Corequisite(s): NURS435

NURS 432 Nursing of Populations 5 Credit Hours (3,6)

This is a theory and clinical course applying the nursing process to populations. Content includes application of public health nursing principles, levels of prevention, epidemiology and health education. Expands the role of the nurse as a teacher, collaborator and advocate. Examines the effect of health care delivery trends and issues on the health of populations.

Prerequisite(s): For Pre-licensure BSN Majors: HLTH328, NURS325, NURS327, NURS326; Post-licensure Majors (RN-BSN): NURS363 and NURS365

NURS 433 Community Mental Hlth Nursing 5 Credit Hours (3,6)

Theoretical and clinical foundation in mental health nursing. Emphasis is on the use of the therapeutic relationship and communication skills to help clients cope with stressors of life experiences. Nursing, human needs theory, stress adaptation theory are used to help the client achieve optimum level of mental health. Clinical experiences are provided in both the community and in the acute care settings.

Prerequisite(s): HLTH328, NURS325, NURS326, NURS327

NURS 434 Nursing Research 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This course develops appraisal skills of nursing and related research. It will enable students to think critically and ethically about providing the best possible care to clients based on evidence. Assignments and class discussion emphasize application of current research to a variety of dimensions including human beings, health, nursing and environment.

Prerequisite(s): MATH207 or PSYC210

NURS 435 Management in Nursing 4 Credit Hours (4,0)

Analysis of the leadership and management roles in professional nursing; focus is leadership/management theories basic to the planning, organizing, directing and controlling or nursing services in health care settings. Includes concepts of nursing model integration in management, communications, decision making and conflict resolution, resource management, legal and ethical responsibilities, employee relations, health care system design, systems appraisal, and case management. Students will formulate a personal nursing management/leadership philosophy.

Prerequisite(s): For Pre-licensure BSN Majors: HLTH328, NURS325, NURS327, NURS326

Corequisite(s): NURS431

NURS 436 Contemporary Issues in Nursing 2 Credit Hours (2,0)

Course analyzes contemporary and future issues involving the professional nurse. The course further explores role socialization from nursing student to BSN-prepared nurse. Course reviews the legal responsibilities and professional regulation of nursing practice. Selected social, ethical, political, economic and legal issues will be examined.

Prerequisite(s): NURS431 and NURS435

Corequisite(s): NURS432 and NURS433

NURS 437 Nursing Leadership and Issues 3 Credit Hours (2,3)

This is a seminar and clinical course where the student is expected to synthesize the roles of professional nursing in a variety of settings. Collaborative and leadership aspects of professional nursing are emphasized by the student planning his/her experiences with the faculty member and preceptor. Integration of ethics, research, change, caring, advocacy, and approaches to ensure quality care in nursing practice are expected.

NURS 490 Independent Study in Nursing 1-4 Credit Hours (1-4,0)

Individual investigation of topics tailored to student interest and need.

Prerequisite(s): Junior or senior standing and instructor permission