

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: NSG 270

Credits: 4

Course Title: Nursing Capstone

Course Description: Provides students with the opportunity to comprehensively apply and integrate learned concepts from previous nursing courses into a capstone experience. Emphasizes the mastery of patient-centered care, safety, nursing judgment, professional behaviors, informatics, quality improvement, and collaboration in the achievement of optimal outcomes of care. Provides supervised learning experiences in faculty and/or preceptor-guided college nursing laboratories, clinical/community settings, and/or simulated environments. Prerequisites: NSG 210 and NSG 211. Laboratory 12 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: The purpose of this course is to expand on the role of the professional nurse in the health care environment in preparation for practice as a registered nurse.

Course Prerequisites and Co- requisites:
Prerequisites: NSG 210 and NSG 211

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Provide patient-

b. Safety Concepts

- x Safety and infection control implementation in patient care
- x Incorporation of safety principles
- x Use of safety enhancing technologies
- x Incorporation of national patient safety goals

c. Nursing Judgment Concepts

- x Develop an individualized plan of care based on patient values, clinical expertise, and reliable evidence
- x Recognize changes in patient status and intervene appropriately
- x Apply the nursing process to guide care
- x Prioritize patient care accurately using relevant data and best evidence
- x Incorporate and value evidence-based practice, evaluate existing practices, and seek creative approaches to problem-solving

d. Professionalism Concepts

- x Ethical and legal issues in patient care
- x Responsibility and accountability for delivering safe patient care
- x Professional demeanor in interactions with patients, families and health care providers
- x Reflective thinking for the purpose of improving nursing practice
- x Initiating a plan for ongoing professional development

e. Informatics and Quality Improvement Concepts

- x Common quality measures encountered in clinical practice
- x Technology and information management tools to support safe, patient care
- x Fiscal responsibility in the delivery of patient care

f. Teamwork and Collaboration Concepts

- x The effect nursing and other interdisciplinary team members have upon care processes and outcomes for patients and families within any health care setting
- x Collaboration with members of the health care team
- x Appreciation of different communication styles and cultural differences in team members
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