

BSN COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NUR221 Introduction to the Nursing Profession I 2 cr.

Course Description:

Introduces nursing as a scientific discipline with unique ways of knowing and caring. Introduces the Clara Ward School of Nursing's conceptual framework of professional nursing from a biblical perspective. Open only to students who have been admitted to the nursing major. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Discuss how nursing knowledge and knowledge from other disciplines combine to guide care of the patient.
2. Articulate the Ward School of Nursing's approach to professional nursing.

NUR222 Introduction to the Nursing Profession II 2 cr.

Course Description:

Introduces applied concepts of professional nursing communication including methods, terminology, electronic/written records, and cultural and generational cues. Open only to students who have been admitted to the nursing major. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Communicate delivery of nursing care through multiple modalities.
2. Utilize a variety of professional communication modes and methods appropriate for the healthcare context.

NUR223 Health Promotion & Patient Safety 3 cr.

Course Description:

Introduces foundational principles, concepts and methods to provide safe, quality patient care, improve patient outcomes and improve the culture of the healthcare practice environment. Open only to students who have been admitted to the nursing major. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Understand how to identify and appropriately respond to unfolding patient and healthcare team issues.
2. Advocate effectively for patient and personal safety.
3. Analyze the role of information and communication systems in supporting patient safety.
4. Evaluate professional standards and healthcare regulations in relation to a safe, quality healthcare environment.

NUR225 Health Assessment for the Professional Nurse 3 cr.

Course Description:

Prepares students to integrate observations, systematically collect data and communicate effectively in the comprehensive health assessment of clients. Lab required. Open only to students who have been admitted to the nursing major. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Evaluate a client's physical status and health history within the framework of the nursing process.
2. Demonstrate physical examination skills according to established criteria.
3. Communicate findings of a comprehensive physical assessment.

NUR270 Foundations of Nursing Practice 4 cr.**Course Description:**

Guides application of theory and principles for basic nursing interventions for individuals with common health alterations. Commences socialization into the professional nursing role. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR221, 223 and 225. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Apply the nursing process in the planning and delivery of basic nursing care.
2. Demonstrate safe practice of fundamental nursing procedures related to client comfort and safety.
3. Identify components of therapeutic communication and factors that influence communication in simple structured situations.
4. Understand the basic concepts of clinical decision-making.

NUR327 Contemporary Issues in Healthcare 2 cr.**Course Description:**

Explores the impact of emerging issues in healthcare on the professional nurse's role and practice. Prerequisites: NUR221, 223 and 225. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Utilize nursing knowledge and evidence-based research findings to address contemporary issues in healthcare.
2. Analyze healthcare issues within the framework of professional nursing standards.
3. Examine the influence of personal values on nursing practice.

NUR329 Global Health Perspectives 3 cr.**Course Description:**

Prepares the nurse to provide culturally appropriate physical and spiritual care for diverse clients. Prerequisites: NUR222, 270 and 327. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Compare and contrast the major beliefs and value systems of diverse cultural groups.
2. Examine the skills required in the care of clients from diverse cultures.
3. Create personal guidelines for developing cultural competency.

NUR332 Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice

3 cr.

Course Description:

Develops skills necessary to identify, appraise and apply best evidence to support nursing practice, improve client health and leverage change in healthcare. Prerequisites: NUR338, 372 and 374. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Describe the foundations of nursing research and evidence-based practice.
2. Evaluate existing nursing research for its credibility and applicability to clinical practice.
3. Discuss the relationship between theory, practice, and research.
4. Describe ethical methods of collecting and analyzing data in order to generate evidence-based practice recommendations.

NUR334 Healthcare Economics

2 cr.

Course Description:

Examines the nurse's role in coordinating resources to provide safe, quality and equitable care to diverse populations within complex healthcare systems. Prerequisites: NUR329, 337 and 371. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Examine the impact of systems behavior across the continuum of care.
2. Understand the relationships between health care financing, costs and quality of care.
3. Discuss how legislative and regulatory processes impact the provision of healthcare.

NUR337 Clinical Management of Disease I

3 cr.

Examines the pathophysiologic basis for alterations in health across the lifespan. Applies principles of drug action and nursing implications within the framework of the nursing process. Study is centered on the respiratory, GI, musculoskeletal, female reproductive, integumentary, immune and neurological systems, as well as oncological illnesses. Prerequisites: NUR222, 270 and 327. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Apply principles of normal anatomy and physiology of human body systems in relation to the disease processes of common health problems.
2. Discuss clinical manifestations of selected disease processes and health problems.
3. Identify appropriate pharmacological treatment of specific diseases.
4. Utilize the nursing process to assess appropriate/inappropriate responses to pharmacologic therapy.

NUR338 Clinical Management of Disease II

3 cr.

Continues to examine the pathophysiologic basis for alterations in health across the lifespan. Applies principles of drug action and nursing implications within the framework of the nursing process. Study is centered on the circulatory, endocrine, renal, and male reproductive systems as well as oncological illnesses. Prerequisites: NUR329, 337 and 371. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Apply principles of normal anatomy and physiology of human body systems to the disease processes of common health problems.
2. Examine clinical manifestations of selected disease processes and health problems.
3. Identify appropriate pharmacological treatment of specific diseases.
4. Utilize the nursing process to assess appropriate/inappropriate responses to pharmacologic therapy.

NUR371 Foundations in Adult Health I

5 cr.

Course Description:

Initial application of the nursing process, critical thinking and clinical decision-making in the care of adults with acute or chronic illness. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR222, 270 and 327. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Analyze the relationships among disease processes, clinical presentation, and nursing management of care of adult patients experiencing alterations in health.
2. Promote a culture of safety and caring for clients from diverse populations.
3. Use clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice and the nursing process to implement a plan of care for adults experiencing acute and chronic illness.
4. Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary health care team to address health outcomes and understand human caring for adult clients

NUR372 Foundations in Adult Health II

5 cr.

Course Description:

Advanced application of the nursing process, critical thinking and clinical decision-making in the care of adults with acute and chronic illness. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR329, 337 and 371. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Synthesize the relationships among disease processes, clinical presentation, and nursing management of care of adult patients experiencing alterations in health.
2. Create a culture of safety and caring for clients from diverse populations.
3. Use clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice and the nursing process to implement and modify a plan of care for adults experiencing acute and chronic illness.
4. Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary health care team to improve health outcomes and reflect human caring for adult clients.

NUR374 Foundations in Family Health**4 cr.****Course Description:**

Utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of healthcare for the childbearing and childrearing family. Emphasizes the nurse's role in health promotion and disease prevention for families. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR329, 337 and 371. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Select a safe and cost-effective plan of care to meet healthcare needs of pediatric/obstetric clients.
2. Synthesize the relationships among disease processes, clinical presentation, and nursing management of care of families experiencing alterations in health.
3. Examine needs specific to the childbearing and childrearing families in the rural community.
4. Adapt communication skills to interact effectively with families.

NUR441 Nursing Informatics & Telehealth**2 cr.****Course Description:**

Utilization of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care. Prerequisites: NUR338, 372 and 374. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Develop effective telecommunication strategies for a variety of patient care situations.
2. Examine ethical issues surrounding the collection and utilization of electronic health data.

NUR442 Servant Leadership for the Professional Nurse**3****Course Description:**

Explores the process of Christian nurse leadership within the culture of today's healthcare systems. Includes a review of classic and emerging leadership and organizational theories, and the development of personal insight and self-awareness. Prerequisites: NUR332, 441, 473 and 475. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Formulate the role of the Christian nurse leader within the context of personal and organizational leadership practices.
2. Assemble healthy leadership strategies to manage common workplace issues.
3. Develop pathways for lifelong learning, personal and professional development.
4. Identify personal and professional values to guide responses to societal concerns.

NUR473 Foundations in Mental Health**4 cr.****Course Description:**

Application of the nursing process in the compassionate care of individuals and families experiencing acute or chronic psychiatric/mental health illnesses. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR338, 372 and 374. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Examine the legal, economic, sociocultural, and ethical issues impacting the psychiatric/mental healthcare delivery system.

2. Apply advanced therapeutic communication techniques in the care of clients with psychiatric/mental health issues.
3. Use clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice and the nursing process to implement and modify a plan of care for clients experiencing psychiatric/mental health conditions.
4. Apply primary, secondary and tertiary prevention strategies to community-focused mental health problems.

NUR475 Foundations in Population Health

5 cr.

Course Description:

Explores the nurse's role in managing the healthcare of populations. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR338, 372 and 374. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Utilize an evidence-based approach to address identified health issues of a defined community.
2. Analyze the impact of sociocultural factors on the health of a defined community.
3. Engage with other health professionals to address population health issues.
4. Examine how community organizations collaborate, prepare for and respond to disasters.

NUR476 Interprofessional Coordination of Patient Care

5 cr.

Course Description:

A clinical immersion experience providing opportunities for intentional collaboration across professions to optimize patient care, enhance the healthcare experience, and strengthen outcomes for a variety of stakeholders. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR332, 441, 473 and 475. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Employ communication skills to facilitate a partnership approach to quality care delivery.
2. Assemble relevant principles and values of team dynamics to serve effectively in a variety of team roles.
3. Select knowledge from nursing and other professions to address healthcare needs.
4. Collaborate with other professions to maintain a climate of mutual learning, respect and shared values.

NUR478 Advanced Care of the Complex Patient

4 cr.

Course Description:

Synthesizes all prior nursing knowledge in the management of care of critically ill clients and their families. Focuses on complex nursing decisions and interventions across a variety of environments. Clinical required. Prerequisites: NUR332, 441, 473 and 475. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Use advanced clinical reasoning, evidence-based practice and the nursing process to manage the care of clients with unpredictable, complex health issues.
2. Design strategies and quality improvement processes to protect, promote and restore optimal health in clients with critical health transitions.
3. Communicate effectively to ensure client/family needs and preferences are understood by the members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team.
4. Examine common legal and ethical issues in the critical care setting.

NUR490 Senior Seminar

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Course Description:

Synthesizes knowledge from all nursing courses to help prepare students to take the NCLEX-RN and transition into the nurse generalist role. Prerequisites: NUR332, 441, 473 and 475. Nursing course fee.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Assess personal readiness to transition into the nurse generalist role.
2. Develop a plan to prepare for the NCLEX-RN examination.