

Medical Surgical Syllabus

Course Number:	NURS 1400, 1450
Semester:	Spring 2013
Credit Hours:	1400 4.0 1450 4.0, 4 clinical hours, 12 contact hours/week
Classroom:	S-118
Class Times:	Mondays 10-3pm
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Course Description: This course incorporates the nursing process, critical thinking skills and pharmacotherapeutics in a holistic approach to provide nursing care for adult patients. Pathophysiology is integrated to provide an understanding of the mechanisms of disease and the underlying changes in body physiology resulting from disease or injury.

Prerequisite: NURS 1000, 1200, 1250

NSCC Nursing Program Outcomes

1. Plan and revise nursing care using the nursing process and critical thinking skills.
2. Implement and coordinate nursing care with safety and competent skills.
3. Demonstrate compliance with the Standards of Professional Performance.
4. Function as a contributing member/leader of the health care team.
5. Utilize therapeutic communication with others using appropriate verbal and nonverbal methods.
6. Successfully pass the NCLEX-RN

Semester Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this semester, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nursing process related to concepts of human functioning and pathology of disease processes.
2. Develop an understanding of evidence-based practice related to planning, implementing, and evaluating patient care related to legal, ethical, and cultural aspects of nursing.
3. Demonstrate competence in the performance of selected nursing skills related to the care of the adult patient experiencing actual or potential health problems.
4. Develop an understanding of evidence-based practice related to planning, implementing, and evaluating patient care related to legal, ethical, and cultural aspects of nursing.

5. In caring for adult patients with common health needs, practice in the role of the professional nurse.
6. Demonstrates an understanding of teamwork in the healthcare system related to patient care across the wellness – illness continuum and lifespan continuum.
7. Practice the principles of therapeutic communication techniques using appropriate verbal and nonverbal methods.
8. Prepare students for test-taking aptitudes required for success on the NCLEX-RN.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe current nursing practice in terms of domain, definitions, and recipients of care.
2. Demonstrate elements of evidence-based nursing practice and apply the knowledge to the development of the plan of care for the patient.
3. Describes the process for identifying and prioritizing appropriate patient-specific outcomes.
4. Describe what constitutes evidence-based practice and apply the knowledge to the development of the plan of care for the patient.
5. Demonstrates leadership by exhibiting responsibility and accountability while practicing the ethical and legal parameters that influence the plan of care delivered by the professional nurse.
6. In communication with members of the health care team, continue to use standardized nursing terminologies for nursing diagnoses, nursing interventions, and patient-specific care goals/ outcomes.
7. Utilize basic therapeutic communication techniques that facilitate an effective nurse: patient relationship.
8. Participates in standardized evaluations through Kaplan.
9. Practice knowledge-based and comprehension NCLEX questions related to pharmacology and the nursing process.

**Specific objectives will be included at the beginning of each chapter of the text book. Students will be responsible for reading all the material with emphasis on objectives.*

Methods of Evaluation

Evaluation of the course content will be based on:

Testing	50%	Knowledge:	25%
KAPLAN modules	5%	Comprehension:	25%
Group presentation	20%	Application:	30%
Final Examination	25%	Analysis:	20%