Course Prefix and Number: NSG 130  
Credits: 1

Course Title: Professional Nursing Concepts

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. Prerequisites: BIO 141 or BIO 231 or NAS 161; ENG 111, PSY 230, SDV 100, MTE 1-5, CPR – American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers, acceptance to the Nursing AAS program, and evidence of completion of Nursing AAS program required documents. Co-requisites: BIO 142 or BIO 232 or NAS 162; NSG 100, NSG 106, and NSG 200. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose:
The purpose of this course is to introduce the novice student to the basic concepts of professionalism and to assist students in socialization to the role of the registered nurse.

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Course Objectives:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
1. Relate how caring and advocacy principles are used in client-centered care.
2. Identify legal and ethical principles in client care.
3. Demonstrate the use of evidence and informatics in the provision of client care.
4. Identify the impact of personal beliefs, values and attitudes in the development of professionalism and professional behaviors.
5. Identify the roles of the health care team in relation to the interdisciplinary plan of care, chain of command and client rounding.

Major Topics to Be Included:
1. 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

2. 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

3. **Ethics Concept**
   Ethical principles
   American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics
   Values
   Exemplars: advanced directives, confidentiality

4. **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

5. **Informatics Concept**
   Health Information Systems
   Consumer health information
   Evaluation of web based health information
   Exemplars: electronic health record, consumer health informatics

6. **Caring/Advocacy Concept**
   Caring Theories Advocacy in Nursing
   Compassion fatigue and self-care in nursing
   Exemplar: Patient Bill of Rights

7. **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

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** Fall 2017