Course Prefix and Number: 254  Credits: 1

Course Title: Dimensions of Professional Nursing

Course Description
Explores the role of the professional nurse. Emphasizes nursing organizations, legal and ethical implications, and addresses trends in management and organizational skills. Explores group dynamics, relationships, conflicts, and leadership styles. Prerequisites: successful completion of NUR 111 or NUR 115, NUR 108, NUR 226 and NUR 137. Co-requisite: NUR 247. Lecture 1 hour per week.

General Course Purpose
NUR 254 is the level II nursing course which prepares the student for all succeeding level nursing courses.

Course Prerequisites/Co requisites
Successful completion of NUR 111 or NUR-115, NUR 108, NUR 226 and NUR 137
Co- requisite: NUR 247

Course Objectives
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:
   a. Discuss the terms leadership, followership, and management as they relate to the clinical setting/hospital and to the nursing profession
   b. Discuss nursing practice, nursing organizations, and their role in relation to law
   c. Explore nursing practice and pertinent ethical issues
   d. Recognize and implement effective communication in the workplace
   e. Discuss techniques related to conflict resolution and change
   f. Analyze time management skills and their effectiveness
   g. Describe methods of effective delegation of client care

Major Topics to be Included
   a. Leadership and management in relation to the student nurse and student nurse graduate
   b. Nursing practice and Issues related to law
   c. Nursing practice and ethics
   d. Communication in the workplace
   e. Conflict resolution and change
   f. Time management
   g. Delegation of client care

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