COURSE: Professional Nursing (3603)
PRE-REQUISITE: None
CREDIT HOURS: Three (3) credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on the major issues within the profession and the scope of professional practice. The study of this content assists the students to develop responsibility for personal and professional growth, as well as to develop responsibility and accountability for their actions. The changing role of the nurse, historical trends, issues in research, and legislation are explained. Decision making, value clarification, moral reasoning concepts, and exercises are included to provide a means for analysis of personal positions on issues.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Lecture, model case analysis of personal philosophy, assigned and independent readings, and audiovisual.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Trace the historical development of professional nursing in relation to change in society.

2. Analyze current and emerging roles of the professional nurse and the impact on nursing practice, education, and research.

3. Analyze the scope of practice of the professional nurse

4. Use values clarification to examine a personal philosophy of nursing for one's practice.

CONCEPTS

Nursing
Professional Development
Roles
Function
Health Care System

Nursing Roles and Functions

Nursing Roles
Professional Development

Nursing Roles
Professional Development
5. Identify needed changes within the profession of nursing and the health care system.

6. Analyze current issues and trends in education and research for their impact on the profession and health care delivery.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:


RECOMMENDED READINGS:


GRADING POLICIES

Issue Paper..........................................................40%
Midterm Exam..................................................20%
Final Exam......................................................30%
Bibliography Cards............................................10%

100%
LATE POLICY

Twenty (20) points will be deducted from the grade each week the paper is late.

GRADING SCALE
90 - 100..............................................A
80 - 89..............................................B
70 - 79..............................................C
60 - 69..............................................D
59 & BELOW........................................F

NOTE: The faculty reserve the right to recommend to the Program Coordinator and Division Director withdrawal of a student from the nursing program for health, legal, moral, social, or academic reasons, particularly if patient care is jeopardized.
PROFESSIONAL NURSING
3603
CONTENT OUTLINE

I. Historical Overview
   A. Characteristics of a Profession/Professional.
   B. Standards of Nursing Practice and Code of Ethics.
   C. Professional Practice and Methods of Attainment.
   D. Popular Presentations of Nurses' Roles and Functioning.

II. Transition in Practice
   A. Employment Considerations:
      1. Application
      2. Recommendations
      3. Resume
      4. Malpractice Insurance
      5. Benefits and salary
      6. Interviews
   B. Burn-out Prevention
      1. Self-analysis
      2. Goal Setting

III. Scope of Practice
   A. Professional Statements on Roles, Functions, Autonomy, etc.
   B. Trends in Practice
      1. Specialization
      2. Independent
      3. Holistic Health Movement
      4. Advocate Role
      5. Clinical Ladders
      6. Methods of Practice
   C. Professional Organizations
   D. Factors Related to Professionalization
      1. Funding
      2. Public Opinion
      3. Regulations
      4. Legislation
      5. Cost Effectiveness
      6. Direct Pay

IV. Issues In and Affecting Nursing
   A. Approaches to Analysis of Issues and Values
   B. Position Statement Components and Development
   C. Analysis of Views on Current Issues
      1. Professional autonomy
      2. Nursing diagnosis
      3. Theoretical Approach
      4. Practice-education relations
      5. Collective bargaining; strikes
      6. Relicensure: Continuing Education
      7. Feminism
V. Values Clarification
   A. Values, Attitudes, Beliefs
      1. Definitions
      2. Effects
      3. Development
      4. Changes
   B. Methods of Examining Values
   C. Relationships of Values to Behavior
   D. Values and Nursing Practice

VI. Ethical/Moral Reasoning
   A. Major Ethical Approaches
      1. Utilitarian
      2. Deontological
      3. Situational
   B. Kohlberg's Stages and Gilligan's Addition
   C. Nursing: Medical Ethics, Similarities and Differences
   D. Justification of Decision in Situations of Moral Conflict

VII. Opportunities for Personal and Professional Growth'
   A. Autonomy/Paternalism
   B. Credentialing
   C. Educational Preparation
   D. Implementation of Personal Philosophy of Nursing and Strategies for Professionalism

VIII. Issues in Nursing Research/Theory
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GUIDELINES FOR POSITION STATEMENT ON AN ISSUE
DUE: MARCH 25, 1988

1. Select an issue of present importance to the nursing profession for study.

2. Identify one nursing issue.

3. Document the reason for your position

4. Cite 3 nursing authors who are pro and con the issue.

5. Cite 3 non-nursing authors influencing you or the nursing authors.

6. Use American Psychological Association format for the paper and bibliographic sources.

GRADING SCALE (40% of grade)

Documentation of Position........................................50%
Reasoning
Logic

Extraction of Author's Position..................................30%

Organization and Clarity...........................................20%

LATE PAPERS

Twenty (20) points will be deducted from the grade each week the paper is late.
GUIDELINES FOR BIBLIOGRAPHY CARDS
DUE: ONE WEEKLY

1. Select an article from a newspaper or periodical that will have an impact on the nursing profession.

2. Use American Psychological Association Format for the bibliographic source.

3. Summarize the article.

4. Indicate the impact the issue will have on nursing and why.

GRADING SCALE (10% of grade)

- Pertinence of article...........................................20%
- Summary..............................................................20%
- Correct format.......................................................30%
- Impact of the issue................................................30%