Outline of Instruction

Division: Health Sciences
Area: Nursing
Course Number: NURS 272.L1
Course Name: Nursing Care of Special Populations: Obstetrics
Prerequisite: NURS 260; PSYCH 151 or Equivalent
Corequisite:

Hours Required: Class: 30 Lab: Credits: 2

Course Description/Purpose
A course designed to facilitate the student in using the nursing process to give care to special populations, specifically the childbearing family. Nursing interventions to assist the client and family in their holistic adaptive responses to growth and development, illness and stress are discussed. Emphasis is placed on the nurse's role in health care management (disease prevention, health promotion and maintenance and teaching). Information is designed to build upon the theory learned in all completed coursework and will enable the student to apply previously learned knowledge and skills.

Major Units
Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family
Intro to Maternity Care
The Reproductive Cycle
Normal Pregnancy
High Risk Pregnancy
The Birth Period
High Risk Intrapartum


**Instructional Methods:**

Instructor-paced study:

- Textbook materials
- Complete assigned modular work
- Some assignments will be delivered to the instructor via digital drop box (ddb)

  Group work will be a part of some assignments. The instructions for how groups are formed will be found under **Assignments**

  Case scenarios

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be expected to:

**Cognitive**

- Demonstrate critical thinking abilities, through the use of the nursing process, in meeting the needs of the childbearing family.

- Apply stress adaptation theories with regard to the impact of illness on biological, psychological, socio-cultural, and spiritual aspects of the childbearing client and family.

- Utilize nursing process in planning care of child bearing clients in a variety of health care settings.

- Implement therapeutic communication skills with child bearing families as it relates to the nurse-client relationship.

- Identify the nurse’s role in health care management (disease prevention, health promotion, and maintenance, and teaching) for child bearing families.

**Performance**

- Apply the legal and ethical principles related to the scope of practice of the Associate Degree Nurse in caring for childbearing families.

**Attitudinal**

- Demonstrate support for the rights of individuals in child bearing situations to choose their own values, practices, and life styles.

- Demonstrate all program requirements at all times in the course.