Course Information
Division: Health Sciences
Contact Hours: 2
Theory: 30
Total Credits: 2

Prerequisites: PNUR 126
Co-requisite: PNUR 127 (unless previously passed)

Course Description
This blended format course will focus on issues related to practice of the licensed practical nurse, such as legal and ethical practice issues, historical perspectives of LPN education, career development and job seeking, trends in health care, and the professional responsibilities of being an LPN.

This course is a required core course for students pursuing a(n) Practical Nursing Certificate

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:
Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

A. Apply the nursing process in the delivery of nursing care to clients and the management of care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

B. Demonstrate the provision of competent nursing care to clients and to the management of care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

C. Demonstrate professional and caring relationships in the provision of nursing care to clients and to the supervision of staff in the care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

D. Apply the stress adaptation theory and the use of healthy coping mechanisms in the care of clients and the management of the work environment in the care of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

E. Demonstrate effective communication skills with clients, families, staff, and peers in the various structured health care settings.

F. Display respect and sensitivity to the cultural diversity of clients, families, staff, and peers with varied lifestyles, beliefs, races, and cultures.

G. Demonstrate professionalism through compliance with the ethical and legal standards of the nursing profession in the care of clients and the management of staff in applicable structured health care settings.
Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

1. Identify the scope of practice, roles and responsibilities of the licensed practical nurse in assisting clients to meet health needs and promote wellness.
   Applies to Program Outcome:
   A. Apply the nursing process in the delivery of nursing care to clients and the management of care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.
   B. Demonstrate the provision of competent nursing care to clients and to the management of care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

2. Discuss current issues and trends which impact nursing, clients, and the health care environment.
   Applies to Program Outcome:
   A. Apply the nursing process in the delivery of nursing care to clients and the management of care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.
   B. Demonstrate the provision of competent nursing care to clients and to the management of care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

3. Summarize the elements of communication and professional relationships essential to function effectively as a member of nursing and healthcare teams.
   Applies to Program Outcome:
   C. Demonstrate professional and caring relationships in the provision of nursing care to clients and to the supervision of staff in the care of groups of clients in applicable structured health care settings.
   E. Demonstrate effective communication skills with clients, families, staff, and peers in the various structured health care settings.

4. Apply the stress adaptation theory in an analysis of nursing situations of work-related stress and the mitigation of healthy and unhealthy work coping mechanisms.
   Applies to Program Outcome:
   D. Apply the stress adaptation theory and the use of healthy coping mechanisms in the care of clients and the management of the work environment in the care of clients in applicable structured health care settings.

5. Discuss ethical and legal aspects of the nursing profession that govern the accountability and nursing practice of the licensed practical nurse.
   Applies to Program Outcome
   G. Demonstrate professionalism through compliance with the ethical and legal standards of the nursing profession in the care of clients and the management of staff in applicable structured health care settings.

6. Demonstrate respect for the diversity of clients and team members with varied lifestyles, beliefs, races, and cultures.
   Applies to Program Outcome:
   F. Display respect and sensitivity to the cultural diversity of clients, families, staff, and peers with varied lifestyles, beliefs, races, and cultures.
7. Promote professional growth through career development techniques.
   Applies to Program Outcome:
   G. Demonstrate professionalism through compliance with the ethical and legal standards of the nursing profession in the care of clients and the management of staff in applicable structured health care settings.

8. Practice effective interviewing and resume writing in preparation for seeking employment.
   Applies to Program Outcomes:
   E. Demonstrate effective communication skills with clients, families, staff, and peers in the various structured health care settings.

   G. Demonstrate professionalism through compliance with the ethical and legal standards of the nursing profession in the care of clients and the management of staff in applicable structured health care settings.

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