Course Information

Division: Health Sciences
Contact Hours: 6
Theory: 41
Lab Hours: 6
Off-Campus Clinical Hours: 49.5
Total Credits: 3.5

Prerequisites: PNRN 100, ENGL 152, HLTSC 120

Course Description

This course incorporates a holistic approach in the management of care for patients with mental health problems while supporting the students' professional development. The student will use the foundation of the LPN certification. Nursing judgment and effective communication will be advanced utilizing the nursing process in providing safe quality care for patients with mental health needs. Students will focus on legal and ethical considerations including end of life, advanced directives, and informed consent in addition to mental health concepts. Students will investigate the psychosocial roles of patients and the effects of mental illness on these roles while applying their newly acquired knowledge of the RN scope of practice in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings.

Clinical will be held weekly in the acute psychiatric care setting, select community settings, and campus laboratory.

This course is a required core course for the LPN to RN student pursuing a(n) Associate of Applied Science – Nursing

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

A. Advocate holistically for diverse patient populations and their families in ways that promote health, self-determination, integrity, and ongoing growth as human beings.

B. Integrate clinical reasoning, substantiated with evidence, to provide and promote safe quality care for patients and families in a community context.

C. Distinguish one's professional identity in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, legal and ethical practices, and professional growth and development as a nurse.

D. Communicate respectfully and effectively with diverse populations and the multidisciplinary health care team through collaborative decision making to produce optimal patient outcomes.

E. Manage patient care effectively related to time, personnel, informatics and cost to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems.
Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

1. Identify when to advocate holistically for diverse patients in psychiatric settings and their families in ways that promote health, self-determination, integrity, and ongoing growth as human beings.
   *Applies to Program Outcome*
   - A. Advocate holistically for diverse patient populations and their families in ways that promote health, self-determination, integrity, and ongoing growth as human beings.

2. Apply culture of safety, quality care, evidence-based practice and nursing judgment to meet the needs of patients and families in a community context.
   *Applies to Program Outcome*
   - B. Integrate clinical reasoning, substantiated with evidence, to provide and promote safe quality care for patients and families in a community context.

3. Identify and demonstrate professional registered nurse behaviors in selected psychiatric settings.
   *Applies to Program Outcome*
   - C. Distinguish one's professional identity in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, legal and ethical practices, and professional growth and development as a nurse.

4. Identify effective strategies for communicating with diverse populations with physical, mental, and spiritual needs and with the multidisciplinary health care team that promotes collaborative decision making to produce optimal patient outcomes.
   *Applies to Program Outcome*
   - D. Communicate respectfully and effectively with diverse populations and the multidisciplinary health care team through collaborative decision making to produce optimal patient outcomes.

5. Demonstrate patient care effectively to meet the needs of patients related to time, personnel, informatics and cost to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems
   *Applies to Program Outcome*
   - E. Manage patient care effectively related to time, personnel, informatics and cost to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems.