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Course Number

PRNS 1111

Course Title

Vocational, Legal and Ethical Issues

Course Description

This course is designed to initiate personal and professional growth in nursing. The course will identify ethical, legal and social responsibilities with patients, families and co-workers. It will develop communication skills and vocational responsibilities of the practical nurse and care of patients at each stage of the human life cycle. This course will provide functional knowledge of professional nursing organizations on the local, state, and national level, and to identify methods to access local, state, and national health resources.

College Mission

South Arkansas Community College promotes excellence in learning, teaching, and service; provides lifelong educational opportunities; and serves as a cultural, intellectual, and economic resource for the community.

College Wide Student Learner Outcomes

Critical Thinking Responsibility Communication

ACTS Course **Program Course** **Practical Nursing**

ACTS Outcomes

Program Outcomes

1. Collaborate professionally with faculty, clients and their families and/or significant others, supervisors, peers, and with all members of the health care team (Affective).
2. Promote pride, concern and interest in the health and well-being of the community and its citizens (Cognitive, Affective, Psychomotor).
3. Demonstrate proficiency of learned scientific principles and integrate these concepts in the practice of safe, competent care throughout the lifespan of the consumer (Psychomotor, Cognitive, Affective).
4. Practice clear, effective communication skills, both written and non-written (Psychomotor Affective).
5. Create documentation that effectively communicates patient condition and care provided (Psychomotor, Cognitive).
6. Apply use of hardware and software technologies to retrieve, process, and analyze theoretical and practical health care information (Cognitive, Psychomotor).
7. Examine and incorporate the state's scope of practice guidelines, rules, regulations, and ethical standards in the practice of nursing (Cognitive, Affective).

Course Outcomes

CLO #	Course Outcomes	Unit Outcomes/ Competencies	ACTS	Program Outcomes	Critical Thinking	Communication	Responsibility	Assessment
CLO 1	Demonstrates professional behavior and accountability of actions.	3, 4, 5		1, 2, 7			R3, R5	Practicum Evaluation Tool 1: 3
CLO 2	Adheres to HIPPA regulations.	3		3, 6, 7			R3	Practicum Evaluation Tool 1: 3f
CLO 3	Demonstrates sound communication skills.	4		1, 4,5		C1, C2		Practicum Evaluation Tool 1: 4
CLO 4	Demonstrates sound theoretical knowledge base of cultural differences.	2, 5		1, 2, 3, 7	CT1			Practicum Evaluation Tool 1: 6

Unit Outcomes/ Competencies

1. Nursing and the Health Care System
 - a. Describe Florence Nightingale's influence on nurses' training.
 - b. Explain why nursing is both an art and a science.
 - c. Compare the growth of nursing from Civil war times to the present.
 - d. Describe educational pathways available to the LPN.
 - e. Compare methods of delivery of nursing care.
 - f. Explain how a health maintenance organization and a preferred provider organization differ.
 - g. Explain how the standards of practice for the LPN are applied in the health care setting.
2. Concepts of Health, Illness, Stress, and Health Promotion
 - a. Compare health and illness.
 - b. Discuss why nurses need to be aware of any cultural, educational, and social differences that might exist between themselves and their patients.
 - c. Compare cultural/racial differences in disease predisposition.
 - d. List the components of holistic care.
 - e. Identify the four areas of human need.
 - f. Explain different ways the body adapts to stressors.
 - g. Explain why stressors have individual affects upon people.
 - h. Identify the common signs and symptoms of stress.
 - i. Explain ways the nurse can help decrease stress and anxiety for patients.
3. Legal and Ethical Aspects of Nursing
 - a. Explain the legal requirements for the practice of nursing.
 - b. Identify the consequences for violating the nurse practice act.
 - c. Discuss the issue of professional accountability, professional discipline, and continuing education for licensed nurses.
 - d. Compare and contrast negligence and malpractice.
 - e. Discuss how the nurse can protect themselves from lawsuits or the damages of lawsuits.
 - f. Discuss three factors necessary for informed consent.
4. Communication and the Nurse-Patient Relationship
 - a. Describe the parts of the communication process.
 - b. Identify three factors that influence the way a person communicates.
 - c. Compare effective communication techniques with communication blocks.
 - d. Describe the difference between a therapeutic nurse-patient relationship and a social relationship.
 - e. Identify ways to effectively delegate.
 - f. Discuss ways in which the computer is used for communication within the health care agency.
 - g. Identify information that should be included in an end-of-shift report to the team leader or the charge nurse.
5. Cultural and Spiritual Aspects of Patient Care
 - a. Describe how culture influences health and health care choices.
 - b. Identify ways to support the spiritual needs of patients.
 - c. Compare ethnic differences among American, Hispanics, and Muslims.
 - d. Discuss ways in which poverty is a barrier to health care.
 - e. Identify major differences in dietary and nutritional choices among cultural and religious groups and how these differences impact patient care.
 - f. Identify signs of spiritual distress in a patient and plan interventions to relieve it

Assessment Description(s)

Practicum Evaluation Tool 1

Materials and Technological Requirements

deWit, Susan C.,(2014) Fundamental Concepts and Skills For Nursing, 4th Edition
Saunders-El Sevier, St. Louis ISBN 9781437727463

deWit, Susan C., Fundamental Concepts and Skills For Nursing, Student Learning Guide, Saunders-El Sevier, St. Louis. 9781455708451

Class Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. If a student is absent from a class session, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements to complete or make up any work missed. No make-up work for missed classes will be allowed without the approval of the instructor. Students who enroll late must assume all responsibility for work missed. Classes not attended as a result of late enrollment may be counted toward excessive absences. Students not attending the entire class period may be counted absent for that period. An instructor may drop students with a grade of "WE" if students have been absent for an excessive number of days. Warning letters will be sent to the students advising them of the consequences of nonattendance and urging them to contact their instructors immediately. Excessive absences are defined as follows:

Regular Semester

Courses which meet once a week	2 absences
Courses that meet twice per week	3 absences
Courses that meet four times per week	5 absences

Summer Session

Courses that meet four times per week in a five week session	3 absences
Courses which meet two evenings per week in a 10 week session	3 absences

Students enrolled in special programs or individualized instruction should contact their program director/instructor regarding specific attendance requirements for the program/course. Some of the selective-admission, health-science programs have specific criteria regarding attendance. Students are encouraged to refer to program policies in these matters.

Jury Duty/Military/Official School Function

Scheduled absences are those that occur due to college-related activities or as a result of summons to jury duty or military duty. Classes missed as a result of scheduled absences will not be counted as excessive absences if the instructor is notified and provided documentation prior to the absence(s). Make-up work for scheduled absences will be at the discretion of the instructor.

In all instances, documentation must be provided to the instructor within 24 hours of receipt. Documentation should come from an appropriate party on letterhead or other official stationery with a signature and contact information. Documentation should list the corresponding dates of the leave.

Medical leave

For medical-related absences, documentation must include written notice from the treating medical professional documenting time needed off related to medical reasons and time student may resume classes. The medical reason does not need to be listed on the documentation; the documentation must include only that there is a medical reason, the amount of time the student needs to be absent, and the time the student should be able to return to classes. Students who elect to work at home while on excused leave must meet with their instructors to make arrangements to do so. Working on coursework while on medical leave is not a requirement but can be requested by students. If students request that they be allowed to work at home while on an excused leave, the instructor will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the student is able to do so.

For students who have a medical condition necessitating time off or accommodation:

- 1) They may work at home on assignments if they choose to if on medical leave approved by a medical professional
- 2) Receive appropriate accommodations related to coursework (i.e., excused from labs with potentially harmful chemicals, have a larger desk, etc.)
- 3) Resume their studies where they left off once they return to classes
- 4) Be allowed to make up any missed work related to medical leave
- 5) Receive incompletes on their transcripts until coursework is completed, according to the incomplete grade contract.
- 6) Be given a reasonable time frame in which to complete missed coursework

Academic Honesty Policy

Students enrolled at South Arkansas Community College are expected at all times to uphold standards of integrity. Students are expected to perform honestly and to work in every way possible to eliminate academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes cheating and plagiarism, which are defined as follows:

- Cheating is an attempt to deceive the instructor in his/her effort to evaluate fairly an academic exercise. Cheating includes copying another student's homework, class work, or required project (in whole or in part) and/or presenting

another's work as the student's own. Cheating also includes giving, receiving, offering, and/or soliciting information on a quiz, test, or examination.

- Plagiarism is the copying of any published work such as books, magazines, audiovisual programs, electronic media, and films or copying the theme or manuscript of another student. It is plagiarism when one uses direct quotations without proper credit or when one uses the ideas of another without giving proper credit. When three or more consecutive words are borrowed, the borrowing should be recognized by the use of quotation marks and proper parenthetical and bibliographic notations.

If, upon investigation, the instructor determines that the student is guilty of cheating or plagiarism, the following penalties will apply:

- The student will receive a penalty of no less than a zero on the work in question.
- The instructor will submit a written report of the incident to the Vice President for Learning
- The Vice President for Learning will determine whether further disciplinary action will be taken.
- All decisions may be appealed for review through the college's Academic Appeals procedure.

Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Statement

South Arkansas Community College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in making decisions regarding employment, student admission, or other functions, operations, or activities.

Library Services

Library Homepage: <http://southark.libguides.com/homepage> Library Contact: LibraryStaff@southark.edu or 870.864.7115

Procedures to Accommodate Students with Disabilities:

If you need reasonable accommodations because of a disability, please report this to the Vice President of Student Services with proper documentation. VPSS Contact: 870.875.7262

The Early Alert System

In an effort to ensure student retention and success, South Arkansas Community College employs an Early Alert System to identify and support at-risk students as soon as possible in a given semester. The intent of Early Alert is to provide this assistance while there is still time to address behaviors or issues that have the potential of preventing students from completing their courses and degree plans. Students referred through the Early Alert System will be required to work on a corrective action plan with their student advising coach and to include attendance accountability and mandatory academic tutoring either in the academic division or in the Testing and Learning Center (TLC).

Once the Student Advising Coach has met with the referred student, and again when the student has met the prescribed corrective actions, the coach will update the Early Alert System so that the instructor is kept informed of the progress in resolving issues.

Behavioral Review Team

At South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk), we are committed to proactive leadership in student wellbeing and campus safety. By focusing on prevention and early intervention with campus situations that involve any person experiencing distress or engaging in harmful or disruptive behaviors, the BRT will serve as the coordinating hub of existing resources to develop intervention and support strategies and offer case management. Students, faculty, staff, and campus guests are encouraged to report any person on campus who is a concern. BRT Contact: 870.875.7262 BRT@southark.edu

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