Course Description

Expanding professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Applying concepts of clinical judgment, communication, ethical-legal, evidenced-based practice, patient-centered care, professionalism, safety, and team/collaboration through exemplars presented in the HCC course. Introduces concept of leadership and management. Emphasizes role development of the professional nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will:

1. Demonstrate the attributes and roles of the professional nurse.
2. Apply a systematic problem solving process for the development of clinical judgement.
3. Describe the legal-ethical parameters for professional nursing practice as related to selected exemplars.
4. Utilize professional communication techniques in providing patient-centered care and collaborating with members of the health care team.
5. Discuss roles of leadership/management including principles of delegation.

Course Outline

Clinical Judgment

- Critical Thinking
- Clinical Decision Making
  - Starting Oxygen
  - Recognize Anaphylaxis
  - Patient Education
  - Medication Management
  - When to Contact H C Provider

Communication

- Peers and Healthcare Team Members
Professionalism
- Attributes of the Profession

Teamwork & Collaboration
- Conflict Management Strategies
- Group Process
- Assertive Communication
- OR Team

Ethics & Legal Precepts
- Criminal Law
- Civil Law
- ANA Code of Ethics

Evidence-Based Practice
- Best Practices and Standards

Leadership & Management
- Delegation

Patient-Centered Care
- Scenarios Related to Course Content

Safety
- Time Outs

Required Textbooks & Equipment

Semester syllabus
Associate Degree Nursing Program student handbook
Exam Soft testing package
http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html
Course Requirements

To be determined later

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