Course Description

Application of professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Utilizes concepts of clinical judgment, ethical-legal, evidenced-based practice, patient-centered care, professionalism, safety, and team/collaboration. Introduces the concept of quality improvement and health care organizations. Incorporates concepts into 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. Discuss the scope of practice in professional nursing roles.
2. Uses clinical reasoning and evidenced-based practice outcomes as the basis for decision-making and safe patient-centered care.
3. Describe the legal-ethical parameters for professional nursing practice as related to selected exemplars.
4. Communicate and manage information using technology to support decision-making to improve patient care and delivery system.
5. Apply principles of leadership/management including delegation.

Course Outline

Clinical Judgment
- Clinical-decision making
  - Recognize Hemorrhage
  - Patient Advocacy
  - Medication Management
  - Prioritization of Care
  - Contacting Healthcare Provider

Professionalism
- Commitment to the Profession
Teamwork & Collaboration
- Working with Interdisciplinary Teams

Ethics & Legal Precepts
- Ethical Dilemmas
- Ethical Principles
- Patient’s Rights

Evidence-Based Practice
- Best Practices and Standards

Healthcare Organizations
- Access to Healthcare
- Diagnostic Related Grouping (DRG)
- Primary Care
- Secondary Care
- Tertiary Care
- Emergency Preparedness
- Allocation of Resources/Resource Utilization
- Cost Effective Care
- Nursing care Delivery Systems

Health Information Technology
- Point of Care
- Computer Based Reminder Systems
- Clinical Decision Support Systems
- Tele-health
- Alarm (Alert) Fatigue
- Legal Aspects

Patient-Centered Care
- Scenarios Related to Course Content

Quality Improvement
- Regulatory Agencies
  Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
  The Joint Commission
Texas Concept-Based Curriculum
El Centro College ADN Program
RNSG 1137 – Professional Nursing Concepts III
Sections: 51110, 51120, 71130, 51351, 51352, 51353

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Safety
• Core Measures
• Anticipatory Guidance

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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