Texas Concept-Based Curriculum
El Centro College ADN Program
RNSG 2138 – Professional Nursing Concepts IV
Sections: 51120, 71130, 51351, 51352, 51353

SEMESTER HOURS 1
CONTACT HOURS LECTURE: 1 LAB: 1
PREREQUISITES: RNSG 1538, 1137, 2363
COREQUISITES: RNSG 2539, 2360

Course Description
Integration of professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Synthesizes concepts of clinical judgment, ethical-legal, evidenced-based practice, leadership and management, patient-centered care, professionalism, safety, and team/collaboration through exemplars presented in the HCC course. Emphasizes concept of quality improvement and introduces health policy. 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. Integrate the attributes and roles of the professional nurse into practice.
2. Uses clinical reasoning and evidenced-based practice outcomes as the basis for decision making and comprehensive, safe patient-centered care.
3. Integrate principles of quality improvement and safety into nursing practice.
4. Make decisions based on legal-ethical parameters for professional nursing practice.
5. Demonstrate professional comportment.

Course Outline
Clinical Judgment
- Clinical Decision-Making
  - Recognize Sepsis
  - Medication Management
  - Prioritization of Care
  - Delegation
  - Contacting Healthcare Provider

Professionalism
- Nursing Organizations & Unions
Teamwork & Collaboration
- Working with Interdisciplinary Teams

Ethics & Legal Precepts
- Whistle Blowing
- Safe Harbor
- Obligation to Report
- Risk Management
- Advanced Directives

Evidence-Based Practice
- Best Practices and Standards
- Develop a Question (PICO)

Health Policy
- Regulatory Agencies (OSHA, Licensure, DHHS, DHSR, CMS)
- Types of Reimbursement (Medicare, Medicaid, Private)
- Professional Organizations
- Accrediting Bodies

Leadership & Management
- Management and Change Theory
- Intro to Working in Healthcare Environments
- Care Coordination

Patient-Centered Care
- Scenarios Related to Course Content

Quality Improvement
- Quality Plans and Philosophies – Total Quality Improvement
- Error Management
  - Root Cause Analysis (RCA)
  - Health Information Technology
  - Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE)
  - Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
  - Medication Administration System
  - Sentinel Events
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Safety
- Hands off Communication
- Nurse Fatigue

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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