

Course Outcome Guide (COG)

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Course:	NURS: 225 Alterations in Health I	Credits:	4	Instructor:	DNP Consortium Faculty
Course Description:	This course introduces concepts related to the nursing care of individuals experiencing acute and chronic alterations in health that build on concepts, knowledge and skills introduced in practical nursing programs and supporting sciences. Emphasis is placed on utilizing scientific principles and the nursing process as a framework for providing and managing nursing care to individuals along the health-illness continuum. Upon completion students will incorporate basic decision-making skills and therapeutic communication to meet basic human needs for individuals experiencing acute and chronic alterations in health across the lifespan including end-of-life issues.				
Concepts and Issues	Process Skills	Assessment Tasks	Intended Outcomes		
			Course	General Education or Program	Institutional
<p>Enhance critical thinking skills</p> <p>Assessment skills in acute and chronic alterations in health</p> <p>Legal and ethical issues and accountability and responsibility of the registered nurse</p> <p>Utilize evidence based practice</p> <p>Disease promotion</p> <p>Disease prevention</p> <p>Cultural care</p>	<p>Evaluate lab data related to the disease process</p> <p>Apply evidence base practice in nursing care of the patient</p> <p>Apply critical thinking skills in the nursing care</p> <p>Apply delegation within the scope of practice</p> <p>Educate clients on medications, disease process and care of themselves</p> <p>Incorporate cultural care across the life span</p> <p>Practice legally and professionally within the scope of practice</p>	<p>Written examinations</p> <p>Quizzes</p> <p>Discussion questions</p> <p>Class participation</p> <p>Nursing process assignments</p> <p>ATI exams</p> <p>Complete program activities</p> <p>Complete text reading assignments, and review in back of each chapter</p>	<p>Utilize the nursing process as a framework to prioritize nursing for unique individuals experiencing acute and chronic alterations in health. The student will use previously learned principles of medical surgical nursing including concepts of pharmacology and nutrition</p> <p>Understand and explain the pathophysiology and diagnostic measures for unique individuals experiencing acute and chronic alterations in health care and plan therapeutic measures and nursing interventions for the individual</p>		

			<p>Analyze therapeutic communication, safety, infection control, and basic decision-making skills in the management of nursing care to unique individuals along the health-illness continuum</p> <p>Support the use of evidence based practice and teaching-learning principles that promote self-care as they relate to unique individuals experiencing acute and chronic alterations in health care across the lifespan including end-of-life decisions</p> <p>Demonstrate accountability and responsibility for own professional behavior and development</p>		
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