RN-BSN Program

Description of Courses

NURS 320 Evidence Based Application in Health Assessment  (3cr)
This course focuses on expanding the basic assessment skills necessary for critical thinking in professional nursing. Emphasis is on identification of normal findings, with developmental and cultural variations. The course is designed to assist the student to differentiate between normal and abnormal findings, as well as furthering the development of the students' assessment skills. Lab practice of assessment skills will be included within this course.

NURS 340 Advancement of Professional Nursing  (3cr)
This course focuses on nursing practice foundations for continuing development of the student’s knowledge essential for functioning in a rapidly changing health care system. Content includes professional issues, quality improvement, safe practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and influences of socio-cultural-political-economic factors on health care delivery systems.

NURS 332 Nursing Informatics  (3cr)
This course focuses on the importance of information systems and technology to nursing practice, education, research, and administration. Students will understand the importance of becoming knowledge workers, and develop skills for information literacy. The emphasis of the course is to provide the student with the expertise and knowledge to function effectively in the modern health care IT environment.

NURS 360 Cultural Competencies and Health Care  (3cr)
This course explores the role of the nurse practicing in culturally diverse health care delivery systems. Students will learn how to increase their skills in providing culturally competent care for patients across the lifespan. Skill needed to work collaboratively with health care workers from diverse backgrounds will also be emphasized.

NURS 370 Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice  (3cr)
This course teaches skills to increase the student’s sense of inquiry essential to evidence based practice in nursing. Skills will be taught in scholarly literature search, and the process of evaluating material for the application in the clinical setting to obtain better patient care outcomes.

NURS 431 Community Health Nursing  (3cr)
This theory course focuses on the knowledge needed for community/public health nursing practice. Concepts presented discuss the nursing care of families, groups and communities with an emphasis on community assessment, health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and health maintenance. Special emphasis will focus on community health nursing in diverse cultures and rural communities.

NURS 447 Community Health Practicum  (4cr)
This course provides clinical experience in community and public health nursing focusing on the application of community health and nursing principles for the care of families, groups and communities. Clinical experiences will have an emphasis on community assessment, health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and health maintenance. Special emphasis will focus on community health nursing in diverse cultures and rural communities.

NURS 380 Gerontological Nursing Practice  (3cr)
This course explores health promotion, disease prevention, and management of acute and chronic health problems in the older adult. Emphasis is placed on chronic health problems exacerbated by the normal changes of aging and the increased risk of illness associated with old age. Learning will also include some community activities with older adults.

NURS 451 Seminar on Professional Nursing Leadership  (3cr)
This course focuses on leadership and management principles and functions essential to the practice of professional nursing. Political, social, cultural, legal and ethical issues are explored from a leader’s viewpoint. Nursing leaders from diverse health care settings will be studied to determine their influence on the nursing profession.

NURS 452 Nursing Leadership Practicum  (4cr)
This clinical course facilitates the application of the leadership and management principles from course NURS 451 through leadership projects and activities with health care settings in the community.