

NURS 114-Professionalism and Communication in Nursing

Course Description

NURS 114: Professionalism and Communication in Nursing Facilitates the student's entry into the nursing program and the health care system. Emphasis is placed on concepts related to professional practice and the development of communication skills necessary for nursing practice. Legal and ethical issues related to health care are introduced. Therapeutic communication, documentation, and delegations are examined. **PRE-or COREQUISITE(S): NURS 121. COREQUISITE(S): NURS 113.** *Three hours laboratory each week.*

1 semester hour

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Define and examine professional standards in nursing
2. Discuss legal and ethical considerations in nursing practice
3. Distinguish between professional and non-professional behaviors
4. Examine basic principles of evidence-based practice
5. Define and describe principles of growth and development when communicating with patients and families
6. Summarize various teaching methodologies in diverse professional practice settings
7. Describe concepts of cultural diversity and their influence on nursing care
8. Discuss the concept of caring and advocacy when providing nursing care
9. Identify various methods of communication utilized in professional practice
10. Identify principles of delegation
11. Summarize the various techniques of conflict resolution in the health care environment
12. Examine the impact of technology and informatics on nursing practice
13. Identify resources that assist the nurse in providing safe care.

Program Outcomes

1. Maintain legal, ethical, evidence-based, and professional standards of nursing
2. Utilize clinical reasoning in practice
3. Practice patient-centered care
4. Demonstrate teamwork and collaboration
5. Effectively use current technology and informatics
6. Ensure a safe environment for patient, self, and others

Process for Determining Grade

A. Course Grade: A grade of 75% or better is required in order to pass the course and progress in the Nursing Program. Percentage grades are not rounded. A total of 100 points is possible. **All course and grade requirements must be completed to successfully pass NURS 114.**

- A 90 - 100 points 90 - 100%
- B 80 - 89.9 points 80 - 89.9%
- C 75 - 79.9 points 75 - 79.9 %
- F 74.9 or less points 74.9% and below

B. Course Assignments: There are several assignments that students are expected to complete to be successful in this course.

Attendance and Participation	5 points
Assignments	32 points
Evidence Based Practice	20 points
Reflections	13 points
Student-led Seminar and Discussions	20 points
Communication and Professionalism Application	10 points
Total Points for the Course	100 points