Common Course Outline
NURN 115
Trends in Practical Nursing
2 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

NURN 115 – 2 Credits – Trends in Practical Nursing assists the student in transitioning from the role of student to that of entry-level practitioner. Emphasis is placed on responsibilities associated with licensure, ethical and legal issues, employment strategies, continuing professional growth, leadership and management principles for the health care environment.

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Prerequisites: NURN 112

Overall Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course students will be able to:
1. practice within ethical, legal and regulatory statutes, codes and standards for licensed practical nurses;
2. discuss current trends and issues in health care delivery;
3. explain the importance of membership in professional organizations;
4. provide leadership for unlicensed healthcare personnel;
5. discuss fiscal responsibility in managing resources in the healthcare environment and;
6. describe appropriate professional development activities.

Major Topics
   I. Overview of Professional Practice
  II. Historical Perspectives
 III. Professional Practice Concepts
   A. Professionalism
   B. Advocacy
   C. Health Care Delivery System
   D. Legal And Ethical Issues
   E. Delegation
   F. Leadership
   G. Management
   H. Quality Improvement
   I. Team Work/Collaboration
 IV. Transitions to LPN practice
   A. NCLEX-PN
   B. Transitional Challenges
   C. Finding Employment

Course Requirements

An overall grade of C (75.00%) or higher is required for satisfactory completion of the course. Grading procedures will be determined by the course faculty but will include the following:

Grading/Exams:
- There is a minimum of three theory exams.
- The exam average must equal 75.00% or higher to pass the course.
- There is a minimum of three quizzes.

Written Assignments:
- The student will have a minimum of three writing assignments such as: class presentation, e-portfolio submission, and resume.
- Students are required to utilize appropriate academic resources.
- Citations are based on the American Psychological Association (APA) format.

Simulation Lab/Clinical Requirements:
- Attendance at all assigned clinical/laboratory experiences
- Satisfactory completion of all assignments
- Satisfactory performance in the clinical experiences

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