NURN 129
Professional Nursing Role
1 Credit

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

NURN 129 – Professional Nursing Role: is a course in which students develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes associated with registered nursing practice within the United States (U.S.) health care system. The learning experience is based on the CCBC nursing concept-based curriculum, and the concepts of health care systems, professionalism, ethics, health care law, teamwork, and collaboration are explored. Learning opportunities are designed for students to gain the cognitive and interpersonal skills necessary to provide safe, effective, and professional nursing care. Participatory discussions and learning activities promote integration of concepts into the practice of registered nursing.

Pre-requisite: Admission to the Nursing Program

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. describe major elements of and key forces influencing the U.S. health care delivery system;
2. identify the professional role of the nurse within the context of the U.S. health care system;
3. describe key components of professionalism in nursing practice embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion;
4. formulate a preliminary personal professional career development plan including methods to increase resilience;
5. identify ethical principles and theories used by professional nurses;
6. describe common ethical dilemmas found in the delivery of contemporary health care;
7. describe legal accountability of professional nursing practice;
8. explain strategies used by professional nurses to reduce liability in practice;
9. explain the role of communication in promoting effective intra- and interprofessional teamwork and collaboration; and
10. examine personal progress toward incorporating essential elements of professionalism while providing patient care in simulation lab or in clinical settings.

Major Topics

I. Ethics
   a. Principles and theories
   b. American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics
   c. Contemporary issues in health care ethics

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II. Health Care Systems
    a. Overview of the U.S. health care delivery system
    b. Current issues in health care delivery
    c. Nursing's role within the health care system
III. Health Care Law
    a. Sources of health law
    b. The law and patient rights
    c. Professional accountability and delegation
    d. Reducing legal liability
IV. Professionalism
    a. Professional attributes and standards
    b. Nursing's image
    c. Commitment to profession/professional organization
    d. Reflective practice
    e. Professional self-development
V. Resilience
VI. Teamwork and Collaboration
    a. Teamwork and collaboration defined
    b. Roles of the members of the health care team
    c. Intra- and interprofessional communication and conflict management
    d. Error reduction
    e. Failure to rescue

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- two theory examinations
- two quizzes
- one writing assignment such as a reflection paper

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to APA style.

Other Course Information

The following are required for satisfactory completion of this course:
- completion of all assignments
- exam average of 75.00% or higher
- overall grade of C (75.00%) or higher

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