

# **NURN 227**

## **Nursing Professional Practice Concepts**

1 Credit

Community College of Baltimore County  
Common Course Outline

### **Description**

**NURN 227 – Nursing Professional Practice Concepts:** is a course in which students examine the practice of registered nursing. Emphasis is placed on the nursing concepts of ethics, evidence-based practice, health policy, leadership and management, professionalism, quality improvement, resilience, and safety. Exemplars of professional nursing practice are explored through active learning and participatory seminars to facilitate progression from student to registered nurse.

**Pre-requisites:** NURN 129 or equivalent course

### **Overall Course Objectives**

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

1. distinguish among the styles and theories of leadership and management essential to professional nursing practice;
2. apply nursing judgement to determine appropriate delegation of nursing care delivery;
3. evaluate the impact of social determinants of health on client outcomes;
4. analyze common problems associated with the health care workplace;
5. evaluate quality improvement processes that contribute to optimal health of clients and groups;
6. practice resilience to meet challenges associated with transition to the practice of registered nursing;
7. contrast elements of evidence-based practice and nursing research related to clinical practice; and
8. explain elements of health care policy and ways to advocate for selected health care issues.

### **Major Topics**

- I. Leadership and Management
  - a. Theories and styles
  - b. Management of care
- II. Clinical Judgement
  - a. Delegation
  - b. Assignment and supervision
- III. Health Promotion
  - a. Social determinants of health
  - b. Patient advocacy
- IV. Professionalism
  - a. Transition to practice

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- b. Interprofessional collaboration
- V. Resilience
- VI. Safety
  - a. Workplace safety
  - b. Staffing models
- VII. Evidence-Based Practice
  - a. Research process, terminology, methods
  - b. Research evaluation
- VIII. Quality Improvement
  - a. Principles and models
  - b. Theory of Just Culture
- IX. Health Care Policy
  - a. Professional advocacy
  - b. Current legislative issues

### **Course Requirements**

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

- two theory exams
- five writing assignments, such as case study reviews, journal article reviews, online discussions, and resume submission

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 the course:

- completion of all assignments
- exam average of 75.00% or higher
- overall grade of C (75.00%) or higher.

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