

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Division of Health Professions)

DISCIPLINE CODE

NURS

Course Number

9133

Course Title

Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum

Catalog Description

The campus lab/clinical component correlate theory and practice. Beginning psychomotor skills are taught in the campus lab. The student is provided the opportunity to develop technical skills by giving direct patient care in acute care settings.

Prerequisites

None

CO-REQUISITES

NURS 9135

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

50 clinical hours

85 lab hours

Load hours

9 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall, Spring, Summer

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

S/U

Learning Outcomes

1. Conduct head-to-toe holistic nursing assessments on a diverse adult patient population with the recognition of 'normal' physical, behavioral, psychological and spiritual health status.
2. Identify basic patient needs and prioritize utilizing various nursing theories such as Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, to plan care and provide nursing interventions that reflect knowledge of

human growth and development, age-appropriate adult nursing care, and application of fundamental nursing principles.

3. Develop clinical reasoning and nursing judgment to make responsible patient-centered care decisions at the fundamental level to ensure patient safety.
4. Recognize and apply national standards and guidelines in nursing practice provided at various healthcare systems, including but not limited to the National Patient Safety Goals, the Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice, and the Arkansas Nurse Practice Act.
5. Develop listening and communication skills to effectively promote teamwork and conflict resolution with members of the healthcare team and to promote advocacy and a therapeutic relationship with patients.
6. Demonstrate accountability and responsibility for culturally-appropriate nursing care provided at the fundamental level while maintaining ethical and legal principles.
7. Apply theoretical knowledge of fundamental nursing concepts in the provision of adult and geriatric patient care.
8. Demonstrates professionalism at all times in the clinical setting.

General Education Outcomes Supported

Students develop higher order thinking skills.

Standard Practices

Topics list

1. Dosage Calculations
2. Health and Physical Assessment
3. Infection Prevention and Control
4. Hygiene
5. Urinary Elimination
6. Bowel Elimination
7. Vital Signs
8. Oxygenation
9. Activity

Learning activities

This course will include the following methods/approaches to teaching: Hand on lab activities, skills validation practice, video learning, supplemental readings, case studies, web-enhanced activities, active learning activities, and independent reading.

Assessments

Quizzes, practice and learn case studies, clinical validations, clinical rotations and completion of clinical care plan paperwork.

Grading guidelines

- Student must achieve at least a 78% on all assignments and Met for Clinical objectives and during this course.
- Students must average at least 78% on all graded work to be successful in the course.
- Students must be successful in Co-requisite of NURS 9135 to be successful in the course.