NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Health Professions

Course Number and Title
NURS 2302—Nursing Trends and Issues II

Catalog Description
Trends and issues related to contemporary nursing are explored. Economic, legal, bioethical/ethical, political and social points of view having an impact on nursing and health care, as well as, an in-depth analysis of the image of professional nursing are examined through, reading, writing, class discussion, personal interviews and research.

Prerequisites
NURS 9108 Fundamentals of Nursing
NURS 9203 Nursing Care of Older Adults
NURS 9206 Nursing Care of Adults I
NURS 9304 LPN/LVTN to RN Transition (if applicable)
NURS 9305 Nursing Care of Adults II
NURS 9306 Nursing Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families

Co-requisites
NURS 9404 Nursing Care of Persons with Psychosocial Stressors
NURS 9406 Nursing Care Adults III

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours
Credit hours: 2
Contact hours: 30
Load hours: 2

Target Audience/Transferability
Students apply for and are selected for admission into the Nursing Program. While licensure as a Registered Nurse is an end-goal for some individuals, all AAS nursing graduates are eligible to see advanced placement toward a BSN degree at most colleges and universities. This course is intended for Traditional Track student in the 4th semester of the Nursing Program.

Student Learning Outcomes
Following completion of this course, the student will:

1. Articulate and examine the historical perspective of the profession of nursing
2. Critically analyze bioethical/ethical issues impacting the nursing profession
3. Evaluate the impact of politics in healthcare delivery and specifically, nursing
4. Recognize economic concerns related to nursing
5. Asses the fictional portrayals of nursing in contemporary film
6. Assess television news media coverage of nurses and nursing
7. Evaluate how nursing's image in media impacts the consumers' perception of the profession

8. Recommend what actions by the nursing profession might be taken to promote a positive perception of nursing/nursing profession by the public
9. Recommend what actions might be taken by the nursing profession to influence the media to promote a more positive image of nursing

Topics

Historical perspectives of the nursing profession
Impact of politics in healthcare/nursing
Economic concerns r/t nursing
Fictional portrayals of nursing in contemporary film
News media coverage of nurses and nursing
How nursing's image in the media impacts of the perception of the profession
Actions by the media/ nursing profession to promote positive perceptions and realistic images of the nursing and the nursing profession

Forms of Assessment

To earn an "**A**", the student will:

1. Miss no more than one class session
2. Participate in class discussion
3. Attend all field trips r/t class
4. Submit an opinion paper on one of the following:*
    a. What actions by the nursing profession might be taken to promote a positive perception of nurses and nursing by the public?
    b. What actions by the nursing profession might be taken to influence media to promote a more realistic image of nursing and the nursing profession?
5. Initiate and moderate a class forum related to one of the above

To earn a "**B**", the student will:

1. Miss no more than two class sessions
2. Participate in class discussions
3. Attend all field trips r/t class
4. Submit a written paper (as described in #4 above)*

To earn a "**C**", the student will:

1. Miss no more than three class sessions
2. Participate in class discussions
3. Attend all field trips r/t class

*Forum and submitted written papers will follow instructors' guidelines