

VOCATIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS
South Plains College, Plainview

COURSE SYLLABUS
Summer 1 2020

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to the nursing profession, its responsibilities and its legal and ethical issues in nursing practice. This course will also deal with concepts related to the physical, emotional, and psychosocial self-care of the learner/professional.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will discuss the personal adjustments essential to the development of the vocational nurse; identify the role of the licensed vocational nurse; and discuss the legal and ethical responsibilities to vocational nursing practice.

COURSE COMPETENCIES:

Student must complete this course with a grade of 75% or above, based on the following objectives:

1. Define the holistic concept of health and high-level wellness.
2. Describe the role of the licensed vocational nurse as an integral member of the health care team.
3. Identify three methods of learning and describe ways of utilizing these methods in course content and the nursing process.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the rationale for testing as an evaluation tool.
5. Identify basic human needs integral in the concept of total patient care.
6. Discuss how the law governs nursing, and identify the nurse's best defense against litigation.
7. Discuss nursing responsibilities as it pertains to ethics in the profession.
8. Develop a healthy mental attitude toward stress and life in general, utilize sublimation to diffuse negative feelings into a positive outcome.
9. Describe the content and implications of the "Patient's Bill of Rights."
10. Discuss the trend toward community-based health care and its implications for the vocational nurse.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Refer to Plainview Student Handbook (page 23) and the SPC Catalog (page 23).

SCANS & FOUNDATION SKILLS:

C – 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
 F – 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES:

NCLEX – PN Licensure Exam eligibility following successful completion of the one-year vocational nursing program.

TEXTBOOK:

Knecht, Patricia. (2017). *Success in practical/vocational nursing: From student to leader*. (8th ed.). St. Louis, Missouri: Elsevier

ATTENDANCE: Attendance in Group virtual will be part of the participation grade..

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Read assigned textbook material prior to listening to power points for better understanding.
2. Contribute to class discussion – you learn from asking questions and listening to the interaction of other students.
3. Discussion Groups – You must post a response to each subject discussed each week. Be original – this should reflect your own thinking!
4. Five unit exams will be given. These will be posted on Thursday of every week and must be completed and Submitted to Blackboard or emailed to me by Midnight on Sunday night.
5. There will not be a final exam
6. Dates on this syllabus will be subject to change. Please pay attention to the announcement section on Blackboard for any schedule changes.

GRADING:

		A	90-100
		B	80-89
Unit Exams	50 %	C	75-79
Blackboard Posts	25%	F	74 or below
Participation: Class/attendance	25%		

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1: 6/1-6/7

- Chapter 1 Personal Resources of an Adult Lerner
- Chapter 2 Academic Resources (Study Skills and Test Strategies
- Chapter 3 Community Resources
- Unit 1 Exam**

WEEK 2: 6/8-6/14

Chapter 4 How Vocational Nursing Evolved:1836-Present

Chapter 5 Critical Thinking: A Lifelong Journey

Chapter 6 Ethics applied to Nursing: Personal Versus Professional Ethics

Chapter 7 Nursing and the Law: What are the Rules?

Unit 2 Exam

WEEK 3: 6/15-6/21

Chapter 8 Effective Communication: Health Care Team, Patients, Faculty, and Peers

Chapter 9 Assertiveness: Your Responsibility

Chapter 10 Cultural Uniqueness, Sensitivity, and Competence

Chapter 11 Spiritual Needs, Spiritual Caring, and Religious Differences

Unit 3 Exam

WEEK 4: 6/22-6/28

Chapter 12 Nursing Process: Your Role

Chapter 13 Nursing Theory, Research and Evidenced-Based Practice

Chapter 14 The Interdisciplinary Health Care Team: The role of the Vocational Nurse

Chapter 15 Health Care Settings: Continuum of Care

Chapter 16 The Health Care System: Financing, Issues, and Trends

Unit 4 Exam

WEEK 5: 6/29-7/3

Chapter 17 Collaboration: Leading and Managing

Chapter 18 Work Force Trends: How to Find a First Job You Will Love

Chapter 19 Licensure and Regulation: Becoming Licensed and Understanding Your State Nurse Practice Act

Unit 5 Exam