Department:

Practical Nursing

Course Description:

This clinical course explores the art and science of nursing. The course will focus on the nursing process, cultural and spiritual awareness, communication, data collection, performance of basic nursing skills, and documentation. The course will also introduce the principles of safe medication administration. To participate in Foundations Clinical at the clinical site the following requirements must be met: 80% pass rate on the Clinical Orientation Test and 20% pass rate on the lab skill competency evaluations.

Course Competencies:

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Exhibit professional behavior.
2. Use effective communication skills.
3. Use the nursing process to deliver safe nursing care.
4. Apply biological, cultural, spiritual, and psychosocial principles when caring for a client throughout the lifespan.
5. Apply the standards of nursing care related to the safety of clients throughout the lifespan.
6. Apply the standards of nursing care related to nutrition and hydration of clients throughout the lifespan.
7. Apply the standards of nursing care related to exercise and activity of clients throughout the lifespan.
8. Apply the standards of nursing care related to comfort and sleep of clients throughout the lifespan.
9. Apply the standards of nursing care related to elimination needs of clients throughout the lifespan.
10. Apply standards of nursing care related to hygiene of clients throughout the lifespan.
11. Apply the standards of nursing care related to oxygenation of clients throughout the lifespan.
12. Accurately and safely dispense and administer medication.

Course Content:

A. Identification of professional behaviors
B. Appropriate verbal and written communication
C. Beginning use of the nursing process
D. Biological, cultural, spiritual, and psychosocial components of patient care
E. Promotion of client safety
Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by a grading tool using a 0-5 rating system for each sub-competency. Some sub-competencies are considered critical and must be passed independently of the averages for those competencies. If the student is absent on a clinical day, the student risks not having the opportunity to meet each competency and therefore may not pass the course. An 80% or better course grade average is required to pass this course. Grading scale: A 94-100%, B 87-93%, C 80-86%, F 0-79%.

Instructional Materials:

Lippincott’s DocuCare (Electronic Health Record Software) ISBN: 9781451186871

Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students must complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” at this link: https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services.
This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.