

Department:

Nursing: LPN to RN Completion Program

Course Description:

Clinical experiences provide the student with an opportunity to apply theoretical concepts and implement safe client care in selected care settings.

Course Competencies:

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

1. Apply the nursing process to management of care for clients with mental health disorders.
2. Integrate clinical decision making when planning care for clients with mental health disorders.
3. Apply knowledge of pharmacology, psychopathology, nutrition, diversity, equity, inclusion, and established evidence-based practices in the provision of care for clients with mental health disorders.
4. Differentiate between therapeutic and non-therapeutic communication techniques.
5. Develop professional relationships with members of the healthcare team that foster collegiality and collaboration.
6. Implement strategies, including client/family education, that promote wellness and safety for clients, self, and others.
7. Adhere to ethical, legal and professional standards.

Course Content:**A. Clinical Experience**

1. Evaluate mental health nursing care provided to diverse clients and families to determine if the care is compassionate, age and culturally appropriate and based on a client's preferences, values and needs
2. Use the nursing process to guide the delivery of client care to achieve optimal outcomes
3. Perform focused mental health assessments.
4. Use clinical decision making when providing mental health nursing care.
5. Advocate for clients and families regarding mental health nursing care issues.
6. Evaluate verbal and nonverbal communication.
7. Observe the inter-professional healthcare team in the provision of safe, quality

- clients -centered mental health care.
8. Demonstrate use of evidenced-based practice when making clinical decisions in the provision of client-centered care.
 9. Identify gaps between current client outcomes and desired client outcomes in mental health settings
 10. Implement strategies that protect client information when providing care in the mental health setting.
 11. Practice nursing in a professional, ethical, and legal manner while providing client-centered, care in the mental health setting.
 12. Implement safety measures specific to the mental health setting.

Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by individual and group assignments, skill performance, quizzes, proctored exams, written or graphic presentations, participation, and a comprehensive final exam.

Instructional Materials:

No Textbook for this course

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” on our [Disability Services website](#).

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.

A Note on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct

Highland Community College seeks to assure all community members learn and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Title VII, Title IX, and College policy prohibit harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. Highland Community College encourages anyone experiencing harassment, discrimination or sexual misconduct to talk to report to the Vice President for Student Services, the Human Resources Director or complete an [online report](#) about what happened so that they can get the support they need and Highland Community College can respond appropriately.

There are both confidential and non-confidential resources and reporting options available to you. Highland Community College is legally obligated to respond to reports of sexual misconduct, and therefore we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of a report, unless made to a confidential resource. Responses may vary from support services to formal investigations. As a faculty member, I am required to report incidents of sexual misconduct and thus cannot guarantee confidentiality. I must provide our Title IX coordinator with relevant details such as the names of those involved in the incident. For more information about policies and resources or reporting options, please review our [Equity Grievance Policy](#).