

PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM

LEVEL I: 215 Hours Theory; 204 Hours Clinical

Fundamentals of Nursing - Introduces the student to the basics of nursing care for adult patients with acute and long-term nursing needs. Nursing ethics, communications skills and nutrition are integrated throughout this course. Classroom theory is combined with Skills Lab and clinical experience to emphasize nursing procedures.

Anatomy and Physiology - A progressive course of study designed to provide the student with the fundamental knowledge of the structure and function of the human body. Lectures on cells, tissues and all major body systems are held in conjunction with laboratory projects. Aspects of chemistry, physics, nutrition and microbiology are incorporated.

LEVEL II: 144 Hours Theory; 212 Hours Clinical

Medical-Surgical Nursing I - Basic concepts of total patient care, gerontology and oncology are presented as they relate to the patient, the family unit and the community. Pre and post-operative nursing care is detailed, along with aspects of rehabilitation.

Maternity Nursing - Combines theory and clinical experience in the care of the family throughout the course of pregnancy, pre-natal care, labor, delivery and post-partum period. Characteristics of the newborn and complications of pregnancy are included. Emphasis is placed on family teaching.

Pediatric Nursing - Combines theory and clinical experience in the care of the child from infancy to adolescence. Milestones of growth and development, nutritional needs and the study of common childhood diseases and disorders round out this course.

LEVEL III: 160 Hours Theory; 267 Hours Clinical

Medical-Surgical Nursing II - Includes theory and clinical experience in the application of nursing care to adult patients of all ages with the more common diseases and disorders of ventilation, circulation, urinary elimination, and reproduction. Diagnostic tests, dietary modifications and rehabilitative measures are incorporated.

Pharmacology I - Presents an overview of the science of drug therapy, including terminology, abbreviations, math calculations, weights, and measures. Preparation and administration of oral and parenteral medications is detailed, including a unit on intravenous therapy.

LEVEL IV: 130 Hours Theory; 232 Hours Clinical

Medical-Surgical Nursing III - Combines theory and clinical experience in the application of nursing care to adult patients with more complex nursing needs. Included are the more common diseases and disorders related to the digestive, nervous, sensory, integumentary, musculoskeletal, and endocrine systems. A unit on employment opportunities and nursing responsibilities helps to prepare the prospective graduate.

Pharmacology II - This course presents a composite overview of drug classifications and pharmacodynamics related to nursing. The more common drugs utilized in drug therapy are investigated as to action, use, side effects, and nursing implications.

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