

VOCATIONAL NURSING CONCEPTS
South Plains College, Levelland

COURSE SYLLABUS VNSG-1222
Summer 1 2021

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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 Levelland 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 will be graded weekly as part of the participation in the Discussion Boards. Each student must post on boards weekly and respond to classmate's board weekly as per the Schedule.

This class is self-paced, but students must stick to the schedule.

Each week, the student must follow the following course requirements each week to be successful.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Read assigned textbook material prior to listening to power points/lecture for better understanding.
2. Listen to/watch the lectures on each week's chapters.
3. Discussion Groups –
 - a. You must post a response to **each subject** each week.
 - b. You must respond to a classmate's post each week
4. Five unit exams will be given.
 - a. These will be posted every week and must be completed as per the dates and times on the class calendar
 - b. There will not be a final exam
5. 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
		C	75-79
		F	74 or below
Unit Exams	50 %		
Blackboard Posts	25%		
Participation: Class/attendance	25%		

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1: June 1-5 2021

Discussion Board: Tell Me About Yourself

Chapter 1 Personal Resources of an Adult Learner

Chapter 2 Academic Resources (Study Skills and Test Strategies)

Chapter 3 Community Resources

Unit 1 Exam June 5-7

WEEK 2: June 7-12

Discussion Board: How do You Study and Nightingale Pledge

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- June 12-14

WEEK 3: June 14-19

Discussion Board: Ethics

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 June 19-21

WEEK 4: June 21-26

Discussion Board: Nursing and the Law Effective Communication / Assertiveness

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 June 26-28

WEEK 5: June 27-July 1

Discussion Board: Culture and Spirituality Health Care Trends

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 July 1st - ONE DAY ONLY!!!!