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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Nursing Theory II
CODE NO. : PNG235 **SEMESTER:** 3
PROGRAM: Practical Nursing
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DATE

TOTAL CREDITS: 4
PREREQUISITE(S): All Year 1 Courses
HOURS/WEEK: 4

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus on assisting the learner to develop a holistic approach to nursing. A variety of approaches will be utilized and critical thinking strategies will be emphasized as the learner explores the care of individuals, families and/or groups experiencing or predisposed to acute health challenges in a variety of life situations.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Describe the response of the client to each stage of illness.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Research stages of illness
 - Define "sick role"
 - Participate in class activities pertaining to the impact of illness on self-concept:
 - i. Identity
 - ii. Body image
 - iii. Self esteem
 - iv. Roles (role performance)
 - Describe coping mechanisms used by clients experiencing an acute health challenge
2. Utilize critical thinking strategies when planning nursing care for individuals, families and groups experiencing or predisposed to common acute health challenges.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Assess the client using Gordon's Functional Health Patterns/Systems Approach:
 - Risk factors
 - Safety issues
 - Stage of illness
 - Type of acute health challenge
 - Trauma,
 - Infection
 - Surgery
 - Pregnancy
 - Mental Health
 - Acute exacerbation of a chronic health challenge

- Anxiety level
- Client perception of illness
- Client perception of impact of illness and proposed treatment.
- Client stressors
- Available resources
 - Support system
 - Financial
 - Psychological
 - Social
 - Emotional
 - Spiritual
- Knowledge base
- Cultural background
- Values and beliefs
- Developmental stage
- Lifestyle
- Co-existing medical conditions
- Medications
- Plan interventions:
 - Based on client assessment
 - Collaboratively with client
 - Integrate knowledge of pathophysiology, pharmacology, diagnostic tests, medical interventions and principles of teaching and learning, when planning client care
 - Based on cultural background, values and beliefs, developmental stage and lifestyle.

3. Identify caring strategies, to promote coping by the client experiencing an acute health challenge.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Listen to client and family concerns
- Identify advocacy issues and follow up as required/requested by client
- Plan nursing interventions collaboratively with client

III. TOPICS:

The content will be studied under the following concepts:

An individual/family experiencing:

- acute illness
- surgery

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Burke, K., LeMone, P., Mohn-Brown, L. (2006). *Medical surgical nursing care* (2nd ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Additional texts from semesters 1 and 2.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

The pass mark for this course is 60%. The course mark is composed of 2 tests and a small group presentation. There will be no supplemental testing or rewrites for assignments available.

Students must complete all of the following assignments to be eligible for a final grade in this course.

		Tentative Date
1. Test #1 (midterm)	40%	October 19
2. Test #2 (final)	40%	Week of December 14
3. Presentation	5%	Week of November 2
4. Presentation Quiz	15%	Week of November 16
	Total 100%	

NOTE: Presentation dates are subject to change.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

NOTE:

Mid Term grades are provided in theory classes and clinical/field placement experiences. Students are notified that the midterm grade is an interim grade and is subject to change.

For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

A minimum of a “C” grade is required to be successful in all PNG coded courses.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. A professor/instructor may assign a sanction as defined below, or make recommendations to the Academic Chair for disposition of the matter. The professor/instructor may:

- (i) issue a verbal reprimand,
- (ii) make an assignment of a lower grade with explanation,
- (iii) require additional academic assignments and issue a lower grade upon completion to the maximum grade “C”,
- (iv) make an automatic assignment of a failing grade,
- (v) recommend to the Chair dismissal from the course with the assignment of a failing grade.

In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Student Portal:

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. **mysaultcollege** gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom:

Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.