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COURSE OUTLINE

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OVERALL OBJECTIVES

1. Use Nursing Process to facilitate optimum adaptation for clients
2. Demonstrate the roles and responsibilities of members of the nursing and health care teams.
3. Communicate effectively with patients, personnel and others.
4. Provide appropriate direction and supervision for the R.N.A. and auxiliary personnel.
5. Assume responsibility for continued personal and professional growth.
6. Protect the dignity of clients.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The student is expected to keep these objectives with her in the clinical area and maintain a current record of *when and how they have been met as indicated.

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- I. USE THE NURSING PROCESS TO FACILITATE OPTIMUM ADAPTATION FOR CLIENTS.
 - A. DEMONSTRATE INCREASING INDEPENDENCE IN THE USE OF THE NURSING PROCESS WITH THE DIRECTION AND CO-OPERATION OF NURSING SERVICE PERSONNEL.
 - 1) Communicate more extensively with nursing service personnel than with clinical teacher.
 - 2) Seek guidance. Make nursing decisions based on principles and when uncertain, discuss with team leader.
 - 3) Prepare and lead patient centred conferences. At least one to be evaluated by clinical teacher or delegate.
 - 4) Be self directed in orientation to unit and obtaining relevant information about ward protocols and policies.
 - B) ASSESS CLIENTS AT ANY POINT ON THE HEALTH-ILLNESS CONTINUUM.
 - 1) Systemically gather a comprehensive, accurate and relevant data base.
 - 2) Analyze collected data based on adaptation framework and scientific knowledge base.
 - 3) Identify nursing diagnoses supported by A and B.

PLAN, ORGANIZE AND CARRY OUT NURSING CARE WITH EFFECTIVE USE OF TIME, EFFORT AND MATERIALS.

- 1) Assume responsibility for delivering of skilled nursing care for a number of patients requiring different levels of nursing intervention. Suggested expectation: 6 patients
- 2) Plan and determine priorities of care for assigned patients and discuss with team leader as needed.
- 3) Be able to verbalize rationale for planning decisions.
- 4) Make nursing judgments based on changes in patient's condition or nursing needs and initiate action.
- 5) Keep patient care plans up to date and communicate changes to others involved
- 6) -Alter plans to cope with unanticipated events.
- 7) Respond appropriately in urgent situations.
- 8) Carry out safe, organized care for all clients.

- 9) Carry out safe preparation and administration of medications to a larger group of patients.
 - follow through on new medication orders and on discontinued medications
 - be familiar with emergency medications available on unit
 - share responsibility for correct narcotic count at beginning and end of tour of duty
- 10) Maintain medical and surgical asepsis at appropriate times.
- 11) Maintain comfort and dignity of clients.
- 12) Demonstrate increasing skill in nursing procedure
- 13) Record significant information accurately, systematically and according to policy.
- 14) Effectively meet the learning needs of clients.
- 15) Care for a patient being admitted, completing the total admission procedure and communicating with other departments as necessary.
- 16) Care for a patient being discharged, completing the total discharge procedure and communicating with other departments as necessary.

D. EVALUATE NURSING CARE, AND REVISE, AS NECESSARY.

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DEMONSTRATE THE ROLES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS
OF THE NURSING AND HEALTH
CARE TEAMS.

- a) Work as an integral member of the nursing,team during each tour of duty.
- b) Observe the functions of the head nurse and accompany her when possible.
- c) Work with the team leader to become more familiar with her role.
- d) Work as a team leader, with assistance.
- e) Accompany the physician on patient visits.
- f) Communicate to the physician relevant information about patient's condition and receive written orders for changes in plan of care.
- g) Relate plan of nursing care to other health team members and integrate their care into total plan.
- h) Communicate with other health team members who are involved in patient care.
- i) Initiate appropriate referrals to health team members and community resources.

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3. COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH
PATIENTS, PERSONNEL AND OTHERS

- a) Continue to demonstrate effective IPR with patients and families.
- b) Continually analyze and seek to improve inter-personal relations and communication skills.
- c) Utilize appropriate channels of communication in nursing practice.
- d) Be responsible for written requisitions for patient services and/or supplies to departments in the hospital-
- e) Interact with personnel in other departments-
- f) Assume responsibility for the effect of own behaviour on individuals and groups.

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4. ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLE WITHIN THE NURSING TEAM.
 - a) Delegate appropriate functions to team members.
 - b) Be able to verbalize rationale for decisions about delgation to team members.
 - c) Follow through with personnel to ensure that delegated functions have been carried out.
 - d) Give praise or suggestions for improvement as necessary when supervising personnel.

ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
PROFESSIONAL NURSE FOR
CONTINUED PERSONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL GROWTH.

- a) Assume accountability for own actions.
- b) Maintain competence.
- c) Set personal goals and objectives for consolidation and future nursing experience.
- d) Identify own learning needs and develop and implement plan to meet these needs, communicating with Team Leader, Head Nurse and/or teacher as necessary.
- e) Practice within legal framework.
- f) Assume responsibility for research re: diagnosis, pathology, treatments•
- g) Assume responsibility for ongoing self-evaluation.
- h) -Recognize and accept own limitations, requesting guidance and advice as necessary.
- i) Recognize and develop personal qualities which enhance own nursing practice.
- j) Adhere to professional requirements regarding attendance and grooming.
- k) Adhere to professional ethical requirements.

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PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF THE
CLIENTS.

- a) Base nursing care on respect for clients' rights.
- b) Provide nursing care based on clients' requirements as individuals,
- c) Involve clients in decisions about care.
- d) Protect the privacy of the client.
- e) Assume a client advocate role in nursing practice.

