



NURSING CONCEPTS

NUR 200

Course Name

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course uses specific issues and examples to build on basic year one theory relating to ethics, the law and the nursing profession. The student will continue to examine the Canadian Health Care System with particular emphasis on the local system as it affects the client and the nurse. The impact of nursing history on present day nursing is briefly examined-

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Analyze selected aspects of the Canadian, Provincial and local Health Care System.
2. Examine selected ethical, legal and societal issues which influence nursing.
3. Examine professional roles and relationships in the Health Care System.
4. Describe how the history of nursing affects nursing today.

EVALUATION

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| 1. Test on the Health Care System.   | 45%  |
| 2. Spot quiz.  | 10%  |
| 3. Written examination on an issue   | 40%  |
| 4. Participation (sharing relevant material and enhancing class learning)  | 5%   |
| 5. Attendance (two excused absences permitted)<br>- up to ten marks deducted<br>- 80% attendance to be eligible for supplemental exam. |      |
|  | 100% |

\*Emphasis will be placed on ability to summarize and support material in a brief, clear, concise and grammatical form.

## INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD

Instruction will be given in the form of lectures, guest speakers and seminars.

## READING ASSIGNMENTS

1. Text, Storch, J. Patients' Rights, McGraw-Hill, Toronto, 1982.
2. Student are expected to seek out and read relevant journal articles and current literature. This will form part of the participation mark and the mark for the issue paper. This requires the use of the Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature.
3. Community Information Centre Directory.

## **I. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

- A. Review from first year:
  1. Five elements of the Canadian Health Care System
  2. Official, Voluntary and Proprietary Agencies
  3. Agencies working at international, national, provincial and local levels
  4. Funding of the Canadian Health Care System
- B. Using the Community Information Centre Directory, describe services for the following:
  1. Alcohol and drug abuse
  2. Mental health
  3. Social Service and social problems
  4. Senior citizens
  5. Disease prevention, treatment and support
  6. Poor and unemployed
- C. Describe the structure and function of the following Algoma Agencies:
  1. Algoma Health Unit
  2. Group Health Centre
  3. Home Health Care
  4. Victorian Order of Nurses
  5. Algoma District Health Council
  6. Social Planning Council
  7. Canadian Red Cross, Sault Ste. Marie

- D. Examine selected issues related to the funding of the Health Care System:
- 1, Identify the following facts about the Ontario Health Care System:
    - a) total expenditures
    - b) major areas of expense
    - c) increase in costs
    - d) sample costs
    - e) rationalization of services
  2. Identify gaps in funding.
- E. Describe the key ideas in the following Federal and Provincial initiatives to improve the health status of citizens:
1. Achieving Health For All; A Framework for Health Promotion Jake Epp, Ministry of National Health and Welfare, 1986.
  2. Health Promotion Matters in Ontario A Report at the Ministries Advisory Group on Health Promotion, 1987.
  3. The Spazall Report, 1987, Health For All Ontario, Report of the Panel on Health Goals for Ontario.
  4. The Evans Report, 1987, Toward a Shared Direction For Health in Ontario, Report of the Ontario Review Panel.
  5. Ontario Health Promotion Grant, 1988.

## II. HEALTH CARE TEAM

- A. Identify members of the health care team.
- B. Describe educational preparation of health team members
- C. Examine the meaning of "professional relationship".
- D. Examine means to maintain positive professional relationships.

Examine the following nursing roles in the Health Care Team

1. Nurse Practitioner
2. Nurse Clinician
3. Occupational Health Nurse
4. Public Health Nurse

**III. ETHICAL LEGAL AND SOCIETAL ISSUES**

- A. Review ethics and the law as the foundation to the patient's rights,
- B. Examine the nurse's role in the following issues:
  1. The right to die with dignity
  2. Abortion
  3. Allocation of health care resources
  4. The client's right to participate in decisions
  5. An informed and valid consent
  6. Other - student's choice
- C. Describe the College of Nurses Complaints Procedure
- D. Examine some current trends which influence nursing

**IV. DESCRIBE THE WAY IN WHICH NURSING HISTORY INFLUENCES NURSING TODAY.**