

PRACTICAL NURSING (PNN)

PNN-228 Foundations of Nursing I (6)

Focuses on the care of older adults with health alterations that require medical interventions. Emphasizes knowledge, competencies and skills needed to provide safe and evidence-based care for the patient with health alterations. Encourages students to apply the nursing process as a decision-making framework to assist in developing effective clinical judgment skills. Integrates pathophysiology, pharmacology and nutrition in the selected disease states. Integrates evidence-based practice, patient-centered care, safety, cultural sensitivity, interdisciplinary collaboration and professionalism throughout the course. Provides students with the opportunity to apply course concepts, demonstrate skills, and care for older adult patients in supervised laboratory and/or simulation experiences. Emphasizes patient safety, application of the nursing process, and development of communication skills within the scope of practice of the PN. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B
Hours per week: 5.0 lecture, 2.0 lab

Prerequisite: Take BIO-151. Minimum B- in BIO-168. Minimum B- in BIO-173. Minimum B- in HSC-189.

PNN-229 Foundations of Nursing II (4)

Focuses on the care of adult patients with health alterations that require medical and/or surgical intervention. Provides a decision-making framework, through the nursing process, to assist students in developing effective clinical judgment skills. Integrates pathophysiology, pharmacology and nutrition in the selected disease states, with concepts of evidenced-based practice, patient-centered care, safety and professionalism. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B
Hours per week: 3.25 lecture, 1.5 lab

Prerequisite: Take PNN-228. Take PNN-721 Take PNN-280 Take PNN-293

PNN-280 Pharmacology I (2)

Provides first semester nursing students enrolled in the Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs a foundation for pharmacological nursing. Utilizes the nursing process as the framework for presenting concepts and principles of pharmacology and drug administration. Focuses on basic pharmacological calculation concepts for safe medication administration. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B
Hours per week: 2.0 lecture

Prerequisite: Minimum B- in HSC-189, or both HSC-191 and HSC-195.

PNN-282 Pharmacology II (2)

Provides second semester nursing students enrolled in the Practical and Associate Degree Nursing programs with additional pharmacological tools. Builds on pharmacological nursing using the nursing process as the framework introduced in Pharmacology I. Discusses actions, interactions, adverse effects, nursing implications for drugs for multiple body systems and differences across the lifespan. Progresses with dosage calculation through advanced pharmacological calculations for safe medication administration. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B
Hours per week: 2.0 lecture

Prerequisite: Minimum B- in PNN-293. Minimum B- in PNN-280.

PNN-293 Health Assessment (3)

Introduces health history taking, physical assessment and documentation required for professional nursing practice. Integrates focused and comprehensive health assessments, utilizing professional behavior, communication and collaborative teamwork, with collection and analysis of data, which is essential in planning safe and effective care. Emphasizes critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills, health assessment as a systematic and organized examination that provides accurate data in which to form evidenced-based health promotion, education and priority patient centered nursing plans of care. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B

Hours per week: 2.5 lecture, 1.0 lab

Prerequisite: Minimum B- in HSC-189.

PNN-446 Nursing Care of the Growing Family (4)

Builds on the concepts of previous nursing courses with an emphasis on nursing care with men's and women's health during the reproductive years, including antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn periods. Focuses on health promotion, disease prevention and common alterations in health. Discusses care of the well and hospitalized child and family. Includes lab experiences with simulation and in a community based setting. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B

Hours per week: 3.75 lecture, 0.5 lab

Prerequisite: Take PNN-228. Take PNN-721.

PNN-721 Foundations of Nursing Clinical I (2)

Introduces the application of nursing care concepts in a clinical setting. Provides a decision-making framework in developing effective clinical judgment skills. Applies basic assessment and patient care concepts, including patient centered care, cultural sensitivity, informatics, safe practice and professionalism. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B

Hours per week: 6.0 clinical

Prerequisite: Minimum B- in HSC-189. Take PNN-293. Pass the pass/fail lab component of PNN-228 Foundations of Nursing I. Earn a 78% total course point percentage in PNN-228 by midterm.

PNN-723 Foundations of Nursing Clinical II (2)

Provides the opportunity to advance knowledge in the application of the patient care concepts in the clinical setting. Includes integration of pathophysiology, nutrition and pharmacology, as well as the application of the nursing process, refining basic assessment skills, patient-centered care, cultural sensitivity, informatics, safe practice and professionalism. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: B

Hours per week: 6.0 clinical

Prerequisite: Take PNN-228. Take PNN-721.

PNN-924 Honors Project (1)

Allows a qualified honors student to pursue a special concentration of study under the guidance of a faculty member. Requires completion of an honors project contract. May be taken more than once. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A; Comments: Requires approval of supervising professor and dean

Hours per week: 1.0 lecture