NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Health Professions

Course Number and Title
NURS 9406 Nursing Care Of Adults III

Catalog Description
This course is a continuation of Nursing Care of Adults I and II, and focuses on the nursing care of patients with cardiac and neurologic disorders, cancer and the critically ill. There is also a focus on development of basic management skills to provide nursing care for groups of patients. Finally the student will explore the transition from student to practicing nurse. The emphasis is on the role of the A. D. N. nurse, as manager of patient care and member within the profession of nursing.

Prerequisites
MATH 1204 College Algebra or MATH 1103 Survey of College Math
BIOL 2214 Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology II
MBIO 2014 General Microbiology
ENGL 1013 English Composition I
ENGL 1023 English Composition II
PSYC 2003 General Psychology
PSYC 2103 Human Growth and Development
3 hours College Level Transferable Elective
NURS 9108 Fundamentals of Nursing
NURS 9203 Nursing Care of Older Adults
NURS 9206 Nursing Care of Adults I
NURS 9305 Nursing Care of Adults II
NURS 9306 Nursing Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families

Co-requisites
CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer Information or CISQ Challenge Exam
NURS 9404 Nursing Care of Persons with Psychosocial Stressors

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours
Credit hours: 6
Contact hours: 66 classroom + 15 campus lab + 120 clinical = 201
Load hours: 31.4, depending on class size

Target Audience/Transferability
Students apply for and are selected for admission into the Nursing Program. While licensure as a Registered Nurse is an end-goal for some individuals, all AAS Nursing graduates are eligible to seek advanced placement towards a BSN degree at most colleges and universities.

Student Learning Outcomes

Following completion of this course the student:

As a direct care provider will:

1. Describe pathophysiology, etiology and clinical manifestations of selected health related problems, which interfere with man's ability to meet his biopsychosocial needs or accomplish development tasks.
2. Describe the medical treatment modalities for selected health related problems.
3. Describe appropriate promotion maintenance and restorative nursing behaviors for selected health related problems.
4. Relate the findings of diagnostic procedures to the pathophysiological processes underlying selected health-related problems.
5. Identify biopsychosocial stressors that are present in adult patients with selected health-related problems in acute care settings.
6. Integrate relevant principles and concepts from supporting general education and nursing courses as they apply to selected health-related problems in the adult patient.
7. Identify legal and ethical issues related to adult patients with cardiac and neurological disorders, cancer, adult patients who are critically ill or in emergency situations.
8. Utilize the nursing process in caring for adult patients with selected health-related problems.

As a manager of patient care will:

9. Collaborate with other members of the health care team while planning care and implementing care for adult patients.
10. Demonstrate critical thinking, decision making skills, and prioritizing while directing other members of the health care team to provide care to groups of patients.
11. Delegate to appropriate nursing team members selected technical aspects of nursing care for adult patients in groups.

As member within the profession of nursing will:

12. Practice within the legal and ethical framework of nursing.
13. Seek continuing education and/or higher levels of educational opportunities to fulfill self-identified professional needs.

Topics

Nursing Care of the Patient in Emergency Conditions
Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Patient
Nursing Management and Leadership Skills
Role Transition
Nursing Care of Patients with Cardiac Disorders
Nursing Care of Patients with Immune System Compromises
Nursing Care of Patients with Cancer
Nursing Care of Patients with Neurological Disorders

Forms of Assessment

Unit exams and final exam
Pharmacology evaluations
Quizzes/homework/class requirements evaluation
Calculation assessment
Laboratory skills participation
Clinical performance evaluation
Clinical assignments: Role Transition, Team Leading, Critical Care observation and Emergency Room experience grading tools
Standardized computerized topic-specific assessments formulated by an outside entity
Standardized computerized RN comprehensive predictor assessment formulated by an outside entity