

Austin Community College, Health Professions Institute
5930 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, TX 78752
Course Syllabus
RNSG 1006: Re-Entry Nursing Update
128 hours

Description: Designed for inactive registered nurses returning to active practice. The focus of the course is to expand the nurse's knowledge, skills and attitudes by applying information related to current technology, equipment, nursing trends, and legalities to previously acquired formal education and skills competency.

Rationale: This course is designed to meet the educational needs of nurses who have been out of the clinical setting for some time and desire to re-enter the workplace and as part of the Texas Board of Nursing's (BON) requirement for reinstatement of licensure. Content is based on BON recommendations for "nursing refresher" courses.

Prerequisites: Students in this course should hold a current or expired RN license.

WECM Learning Outcomes: Summarize the Nursing Practice Act of Texas; differentiate and support holistic nursing care for clients and families utilizing appropriate nursing knowledge, experience, and legal/ethical standards of care; compare and contrast the different roles of professional nurse and their contributions to the profession; and utilize critical thinking principles to develop a holistic plan of care for clients with health care needs.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will meet minimum educational preparation for re-entry into the practice of nursing which is consistent with the standards and protocols outlined in the nursing literature.

Specifically, the student will be able to:

1. Utilize the nursing process to provide individualized nursing care to persons experiencing a functional deficit which compromises their ability to perform required activities of daily living.
2. Establish priorities in the delivery of individualized nursing care.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and safe appropriate administration of pharmacological agents.
4. Utilize the communication process as a major nursing action with all members of the healthcare team, including appropriate patient documentation.
5. Integrate teaching/learning into the nursing process to promote individualized nursing care.
6. Demonstrate utilization of additional learning resources to maintain personal and professional growth.
7. Demonstrate the application of legal/ethical principles of nursing practice.

Course Overview: This self-paced course consists of a total of 8 units and within each unit are topical modules. The course must be completed within 16 weeks of registration. Students will begin with the Orientation and Unit One and proceed through each unit in numerical order.

Orientation

Unit 1- Professional Nursing Practice

Unit 2- Pharmacology Review

Unit 3- Systems Review

Unit 4- Care of the Client

Unit 5- IV Therapy

Unit 6- Communication and Documentation

Unit 7- Care of the Terminally Ill

Required Materials:**Text:**

1. Medical-Surgical Nursing Critical Thinking in Client Care (5th edition). 2011. Lemone, P. & Burke, K. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers. (2011)
ISBN -13: 978-0-13-507594-4
ISBN-10: 0-13-507594-7
2. Clinical Nursing Skills Basic to Advanced (8th edition). 2008. Smith, S., Duell, D. & Martin, B. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers. (2012)
ISBN 13: 978-0-13-511473-5
ISBN 10: 0-13-511473-X
3. Any Current Drug Handbook

Computer Requirements for the Course:

- Use e-mail effectively. Maintain a working e-mail address
- Download PDFs and/or MS WORD documents. Save documents to a computer desktop.
- Download any needed "Software *Plug-ins" required, to view course content: Such as:
 - Real One Player, Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash Player, QuickTime Player
- Navigate inside the learning platform/screen (Black Board)
- Complete the program "Orientation" Module – at the start of the 16-week online course
- Keep up with the Course Modules as scheduled
- Complete "Discussion/Activities."

. PC Windows Minimum:

- I. 300 MHz Pentium II Processor (600 MHz recommended)
- II. 64 MB RAM (128 MB RAM recommended)
- III. Internet connection: 56 K Modem (cable or DSL connection recommended)
- IV. Audio sound card & external speakers
- V. Video card (2 MB; 4 MB recommended)

Method of Instruction: The primary components of the program will be disseminated on-line via the internet utilizing a variety of delivery media formats including streaming video, on-line testing, on-line activities, on-line student discussion forums, and links to other resource material on the internet. Students will have access to an instructor and other students via email and on-line discussion boards.

Evaluation: The student's successful completion will be determined by a grade of 80 percent or more on the unit post-tests and the timed medication examination and active participation in all assigned on-line activities including discussion forums.

Determination of Final Grade: Student's will receive either credit or non-credit for the entire course based on the successful completion of the activities described above. No partial credit will be offered. An 80% or better performance in each unit of the course is considered successful completion.

Certificate of Completion: Upon successful completion of all course requirements, the student will be given a certificate of completion as verification of receiving credit for this course. Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) cannot be awarded because this course is considered basic nursing by the Board of Nurse Examiners. Some CNE will be awarded for identified continuing education topics within the re-entry nursing update.

Course and Instructor Evaluations: Students will be asked to complete an on-line evaluation of both the course and the instructor.

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