

Advanced Health Care

Course: Nursing 411

CREDIT HOURS: 6 Semester Hours

PRE-REQUISITES: Nursing 431, 401, & 406

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Nursing 411 examines the needs of the critically ill clients. As part of the human experience, the integrity of the individual and family may be disrupted by a critical illness. At such times, the critical care nurses assist the individual to restore life processes to a state of dynamic equilibrium. This course emphasizes the involvement through use of scientific rationale and application of the nursing process as described by Neuman in providing care to the individual client and family. Critical care concepts and skills for promoting client and family well being are stressed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of Nursing 411 - Advanced Health Care, the learner should be able to:

1. Discuss the historical developments, roles, settings, and functions of advanced health care nursing.
2. Develop and implement nursing care for clients and families using critical thinking and decision making from synthesizing theoretical and empirical knowledge of the arts, sciences, humanities, and nursing discipline.
3. Utilize basic concepts of critical care nursing and the nursing process in the care of the client and family.
4. Collaborate with members of the critical care health team in providing holistic nursing care to the client and family.
5. Assess clients and families utilizing the Neuman Systems Model focusing on the psychological, physiological, sociocultural, developmental, and spiritual variables in response to internal and external stressors.
6. Analyze data about the client and family to determine the extent of the client/family system's energy state and need for intensive nursing interventions.
7. Intervene using the plan of care developed within legal, ethical, and realistic boundaries to assist the client and family to retain, attain, and maintain optimum level of wellness.
8. Evaluates the response of the client and family to nursing actions while measuring the effectiveness in strengthening the lines of defense and resistance and managing future stressors.
9. Discuss social, legal, ethical, economical, high/low tech issues applicable to advanced health care nursing.