Transitions to Professional Nursing

**Course:** Nursing 350

**Credit Hours:** 8 Semester Hours

**Prequisites:** Acceptance to the nursing program & licensure as a Registered Nurse

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Nursing 350 is the transition course for Registered Nurses and expands on nursing content introduced at the technical level to provide the RN with the broader knowledge base required in baccalaureate nursing education. The course assists the RN student to extend existing skill and expertise in use of the nursing process, communication and role socialization skills. The Neuman Systems Model will be emphasized as a framework for nursing practice. Clinical expertise will be validated through application and use of the nursing process. Areas of clinical focus will be psychiatric-mental health, acute and chronic conditions in the adult and child, or the childbearing family.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Upon successful completion of Nursing 350, the student is expected to:

1. Use the nursing process with primary, secondary, and tertiary nursing interventions to assist the client/client system to attain/retain/maintain an optimal level of energy.
2. Assist the client/client system to strengthen flexible and normal lines of defense and lines of resistance in response to environmental stressors.
3. Use the therapeutic communication models/techniques to establish and maintain therapeutic relationships which promote beneficial change in client/client system responses to health changes.
4. Exercise scientific and creative methods of problem solving based on theoretical concepts, research findings, and client/client system assessment to assist the client/client system to implement changes necessary to promote an optimal level of energy in challenging situations.
5. Apply theoretical and empirical knowledge which reflects understanding of the impact of humanities, arts, and sciences in developing and implementing professional nursing practice.
6. Demonstrate use of the Neuman Systems Model in professional nursing practice.
7. Incorporate updated knowledge of historical antecedents and ethical, theoretical, technical, and legal aspects of nursing practice to assist the client/client system to retain/attain/maintain an optimal level of health.
8. Function in the multiple roles of the professional nurse in providing care of the client/client system.