Family Health Nursing

COURSE: Nursing 401
CREDIT HOURS: 4 Semester hours
PRE-REQUISITES: Nursing 331 & 341

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Nursing 401 examines concepts, from the nurse’s perspective, the normal developmental tasks and related health needs and issues of normal childbearing families and those at risk. Emphasis is on normal and high-risk needs for the childbearing family during the preconception, prenatal, intrapartum, neonatal, and postpartum periods; and consideration of selected issues in women's health. Students use scientific rationale to apply the nursing process as described by Neuman in providing nursing care to the childbearing family and demonstrating competency in knowledge, judgment, skill, and professional values within a legal/ethical framework.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of Nursing 401 Family Health Nursing, the student should be able to:

1. Develop and implement nursing care for individuals/families/groups synthesizing theoretical and empirical knowledge of the arts, sciences, humanities, and nursing discipline.
2. Provide nursing care for individuals/families/groups recognizing the influences of historical, ethical, technical, and legal aspects of nursing’s current and evolving practice.
3. Initiate scientific and creative problem solving approaches to explore, evaluate, and select solutions to challenging situations facing individuals/families/groups.
4. Utilizing critical thinking skills applies the nursing process within the framework of the Neuman Systems Model to provide wholistic care focusing on physiological, psychological, cultural, developmental and spiritual variables within the environment and to assist individuals/families/groups in retaining, attaining, and maintaining optimum health.